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Contaminated Carp Destroyed

Minneapolis, Minn. –AP– Disposal of an estimated 20,000 pounds of contaminated carp fillets from Lake Pepin on the Mississippi River was reported Tuesday by officials of the US Food and Drug Administration.

Officials said the fish was buried because it contained concentrations of a potentially cancer causing industrial chemical, polychlorinated biphenyls, that exceeded federal guidelines.

The carp had been shipped to the East Coast for sale. The fish were checked by FDA officials in New York and then returned to Pepin, Wis., by Rudolph Hogue, a fish wholesaler and owner of the shipment.

Hogue estimate the value of the destroyed carp at between $1,500 and $,1800. //

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Tainted Pepin fillets buried; 'PCB' blamed

United Press International

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said yesterday about 20,000 pounds of carp fillets from Lake Pepin had been found to contain a suspected high concentration of a cancer-causing chemical.

The fillets, belonging to a Wisconsin fish wholesaler, were buried last week, the FDA said.

SAMPLES OF THE FILLETS indicated levels of polychlorinated biphenyls, an industrial chemical, which exceeded federal guidelines, the FDA said.

The chemical, commonly called "PCBs," had a concentration of six to 14 parts per million in the tested filets, Henry Roberts, FDA director said. The federal guideline for PCBs in food for human consumption is five parts per million.

High concentration of PCBs in animals have caused cancer, Roberts said. But a person would have to eat the carp with a high PCB content for about three years before high levels of PCBs might be measured in his body.

Roberts said the contaminated carp had been shipped to the East Coast for sale. The fish were checked by FDA officials in New York and then returned to Pepin, Wis., he said.

THE OWNER OF THE SHIPMENT, Rudolph Houge, said the destroyed carp were worth between $1,500 and $1,800. He said he had another estimated 20,000 pound of fillets which may have to be destroyed.

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