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GE Rejects Request To Limit Pollution

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The General Electric Co. has rejected a state request that it cut its discharge into the Hudson River of a class of chemicals known as PCBs and has failed to provide information requested on dumping of PCBs at landfills.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation asked GE to cut its PCB dumping to two-pounds a day by the end of the year.

A GE attorney, N. Earle Evans, appeared at a hearing here Thursday and rejected the DEC request. DEC wants an order for a halt of all discharges of the poly-chlorinated biphenyls by September 1976.

Hearing Examiner Abraham Sofaer, a Columbia University law professor, said he did not have the authority to issue an order for an interim reduction in PCB dumping, and Philip Gitlin, a DEC attorney, withdrew the request.

The hearing produced testimony that PCBs have been found in potentially dangerous amounts in fish in the Hudson River and that concentrations of the chemicals in river water have increased after rain storms.

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