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EPA To Monitor Company

A Bridgeport firm has been selected for monitoring by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) along with other New England companies that use the toxic chemicals polychlorinated biphenyls, commonly called PCB.

PCB is used in electrical insulation and other industrial materials, including those handled at University Manufacturing in Bridgeport, the EPA said.

The EPA said Tuesday it would begin monitoring streams, public incinerators, water supplies and landfills as a result of finding higher than allowable PCB concentrations in fish in the Housatonic River below the General Electric Co. plant in Pittsfield, Mass.

PCB has been linked to several diseases in animals and disfiguring skin ailments in humans.

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