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CHEMICAL PCB

NEWSCASTER: Staffmembers of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation reportly knew at least five years ago that unhealthy levels of a toxic chemical were found in fish taken from the Hudson River. But they did not report their findings to the Commissioner's office. Commissioner Ogden Reid says he only learned of the presence of the chemical PCB in Hudson River fish from federal authorities. Reid says, "There has been a failure here."

The chemical was detected in perch, pickerel and small-mouth bass caught about twenty miles south of Albany. The chemical PCB is used in the manufacture of capacitors, transformers and other electrical equipment.

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