Toll of Chickens Contaminated By PCB Rises

The toll of chickens condemned the past week because of PCB chemical contamination rose another 163,100, Agriculture Department officials said yesterday.

That raised to 1,250,008 the number of chickens destroyed since the contamination was discovered a month ago. The latest count was made Monday.

The chemical, polychlorinated biphenyl, is used extensively for a variety of industrial products. It has been linked with liver and genetic damage in laboratory animals and with some human skin ailments.

Tainted feed is suspected as the cause of the PCB affecting Maine poultry.

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