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**PCB Contamination** 1800

The Coosa, Etowah, and Oostanaula rivers have been added to the list of rivers found to be contaminated with PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl). The Georgia Department of Natural Resources has closed the rivers to commercial fishing.

Georgia and Alabama residents have filed a $500 million suit against General Electric Co. and Monsanto Co., charging the firms with polluting the Coosa River. Monsanto has also been named in a 1-billion-dollar class action suit on behalf of Lake Hartwell property owners in Georgia and South Carolina. That lake is also polluted with PCB.

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Sportsmen have likewise been warned not to eat fish from the streams and reservoirs polluted with the PCB chemical compounds.