Great Lakes fish more dangerous

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The presence of a toxic insecticide in Great Lakes fish is increasing and has surpassed federal safety levels in some species in Lake Michigan, a water quality report says.

According to a map included in the report, every area of the Great Lakes falls under one warning or another against eating certain fish.

The state's Department of Natural Resources report, issued Monday, says levels of the insecticide dieldrin are rising and that Lake Michigan chubs and trout now exceed federal safety standards.

WHILE DDT levels have declined in Great Lakes fish, PCB has remained almost unchanged, according to 1975 tests. PCB, polychlorinated biphenyl, is a toxic industrial chemical found at high levels in nearly all Great Lakes fish. It has been linked with reproductive problems, tumors, baldness and liver ailments in human.

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