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PCB Concentration in Lake Is Probed

RED WING, Minn. (AP) — The chief of the U. S. Food and Drug Administration laboratory in Minneapolis says further testing must be done before it is known whether the PCB concentration in Lake Pepin has lowered.

Recent tests by a private agency show PCB levels well within federal limits in fish taken from the lake, a wide part of the Mississippi River on the Minnesota-Wisconsin line.

PCBs are believed to cause birth defects and reproductive failure in fish, birds and mammals. They also are suspected of causing cancer among human beings.

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