

ON SEPTEMBER 27, 1973, WSHJ-FM WAS GRANTED A LICENSE BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO SERVE THE PUBLIC INTEREST AS A PUBLIC TRUSTEE UNTIL OCTOBER 1, 1976.


OUR LICENSE WILL EXPIRE ON OCTOBER 1, 1976. WE HAVE FILED AN APPLICATION FOR LICENSE RENEWAL WITH THE F.C.C.

A COPY OF THIS APPLICATION IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION DURING OUR REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS. IT CONTAINS INFORMATION CONCERNING THE STATION'S PERFORMANCE DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS AND PROJECTIONS OF OUR PROGRAMMING DURING THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

INDIVIDUALS WHO WISH TO ADVISE THE F.C.C. OF FACTS RELATING TO OUR RENEWAL APPLICATION AND TO WHETHER THIS STATION HAS OPERATED IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST SHOULD FILE COMMENTS AND PETITIONS WITH THE COMMISSION BY OCTOBER 1, 1976.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE COMMISSION'S LICENSE RENEWAL PROCESS IS AVAILABLE AT 2445 LAHSER, SOUTHEAST, MICHIGAN OR MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE F.C.C. WASHINGTON D.C. 20554.

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# Consumerist warns of PBB dangers

By SUSAN TAUBER ELLIN

"Thousands of chemicals were introduced into the environment in the last 20 years which have not been tested," Dr. Thomas Corbett told an audience of 70 people Sept. 15 at the Consumers for Pure Food meeting at St. Stephen's Elementary School in Southfield.

Dr. Corbett, a chemist, talked about the chemical, polychlorinated biphenyl (PBB) and about the Firemaster incident which resulted in cows contaminated with PBB being sold to human consumption.

Firemaster is the brand name of a toxic chemical which contains PBB. Corbett explained that the Firemaster incident occurred the summer of 1973 in the lower peninsula of Michigan when an employee of a feed mixing plant near Grand Rapids accidentally mixed a bag of Firemaster into cow food.

The employee was supposed to mix a bag of Nutramaster, a cow nutrient, into the cow food. Both Nutramaster and Firemaster were produced by the Michigan Chemical Plant and were packed into same color bags.

"ALTHOUGH LITTLE is known about PBB, detrimental effects of PBB on the cows who ate the Firemaster soon became obvious," said Corbett.

With the aid of slides, he showed the physical conditions of the contaminated cows. The animals had hair loss, wrinkled skin, pimples, rashes, abnormal hoof growth, and were emaciated.

Corbett told how a representative from the Michigan Department of Agriculture was called in to find the cause of the cows' illnesses. When nothing resembling a familiar disease was found, he didn't curtail sale of the animals for food.

Many concerned farmers killed their cows at a great financial loss. Others sold them to Michigan meat suppliers.

CORBETT SAID he is not sure if there is a health problem for consumers who ate meat containing levels of PBB as the result of the Firemaster incident.

He voiced his concern with PBB still in our food supply. "We have been eating up the problem for the last three years. The calves born to the PBB-fed cows are sickly and dying even today. I question whether their poor health is due to long-term effects of PBB."

Corbett, an anesthesiologist, associate professor at University of Michigan and a practitioner at Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor, stated several times that there is no substantiated evidence of the harmful effect of PBB to humans.

"No one has died yet from PBB," he said. "No one ever thought people would ever eat PBB which was developed to give plastics their heat-resistant property."

IN THE FALL of 1974, Corbett explained, the Michigan Department of Public Health ran a study on the short-term effects of PBB. Subjects were residents for at least six months on farms both quarantined and not quarantined after the Firemaster incident. "All the people tested had PBB in their blood," he said, "even though no diverse health conditions or patterns of illness were detected."

"The experimenters should have analyzed the subject's fat, not blood," continued Corbett, "since PBB localizes in the fat tissues."

Corbett is conducting his own research on PBB by feeding Firemaster to groups of mice and watching for possible birth defects and cancer to develop in their offspring. He showed a slide of one mouse fed 1,000 parts per million Firemaster whose liver doubled in size in 10 days.

However, the maximum amount of PBB allowed by the Food and Drug Administration to be in the fat of any food is 3 parts per million, much less than the amount Corbett is feeding to the mice.

THE MICHIGAN Department of Public Health is presently doing a study on the long-term effects of PBB on human health. The 10-year study is funded by the Disease Center for Disease Control in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

According to Harold E.B. Humphrey, Ph.D., an environmental epidemiologist (studies the causes of diseases) with the Michigan Department of Health division Environmental Epidemiology, 4,000 people will be studied: 2,000 from the quarantined farms and 2,000 who received food products directly from the quarantined farms, from bartering, for example.

Humphrey explained that the first year of the study will be used in getting people enrolled. "Then, by following their courses of health, we will develop comparative data and make progressive reports." The field office for the study is in Grand Rapids since most of the quarantined farms are in that area.

Corbett advocates Michigan residents try to buy meat from large chain stores who get their meat from the western states.

One Detroit-area butcher disagreed with Corbett when asked his opinion. "All chain stores in the area buy Michigan meat. They can't buy from only one supplier because of the large quantities of meat they need."

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