

Agency's cleanup plans to undergo investigation

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WASHINGTON — A House subcommittee chairman is ordering an investigation into "serious problems" in the Environmental Protection Agency's handling of waste sites contaminated with highly toxic chemicals in Missouri and Arkansas.

Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., reacted swiftly to disclosures that the administration is considering cleanup actions that would leave deadly dioxins in Missouri soils at levels 10,000 to 100,000 times higher than those following the cleanup at Love Canal in New York. EPA officials stress no final decision has been made.

Dingell also raised questions about the EPA's decision to deny emergency cleanup funds for a residential site in Fort Smith, Ark., that was soaked with polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, a known carcinogen.

The two cases "demonstrate serious problems with EPA's commitment to protect the public health and safety," said Dingell, chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and its subcommittee on oversight and investigations.

Internal memos released Wednesday by the Environmental Defense Fund revealed veteran enforcement officials had expressed concern over the decisions. Both decisions were based in part on the recommendations of Dr. Arthur Palotta, a consultant to Assistant EPA Administrator Rita Lavelle.

"My subcommittee will con-

duct thorough investigative hearings concerning the dioxin and PCB issues, including the role of Dr. Palotta, as soon as possible," Dingell said.

Dioxin, the most potent man-made carcinogen and a key ingredient in the Vietnam-era defoliant Agent Orange, now believed present in 25 to 50 sites in Missouri, is a burgeoning health problem. A minute dose of dioxin can be lethal.

Among 14 confirmed sites are three horse arenas, where 90 horses died and nine persons became ill in the early 1970s, and a residential area in suburban St. Louis where small children play. EPA officials wearing rubber gloves and boots now are taking samples in the residential neighborhood in Imperial, Mo.

While EPA grapples with the "how-clean-is-clean" issue in an effort to clean up the sites, it faces a longterm problem: 48 pounds of dioxin, mixed into waste oil, apparently were hauled around the state and possibly into Illinois by a salvage oil operator who picked them up

at a Verona, Mo., chemical plant sprayed on roads for dust control in the early 1970s. The oil was



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Waco man confesses crime, held sole suspect to killings

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KERRVILLE - A Waco man confessed to killing five people, including the slayings last summer of three Waco teenagers, officers said Thursday.

However, a Waco detective who interrogated the 23-year-old man said his account of the slayings was "not even in the ballpark," though he would return the suspect to McLennan County to be questioned for an Aug. 10 killing.

Kerrville police Sgt. Bill Frackleman said the man walked into the police station at

10:30 Wednesday night and said he had committed five homicides, including the killings of three teenagers in Waco, another killing in McLennan County, and a slaying in the Dallas suburb of Duncanville.

"He said he wanted to get it off his conscience," Frackleman said.

Hardin was due to return to Waco with the suspect today, a Waco police spokesman said.

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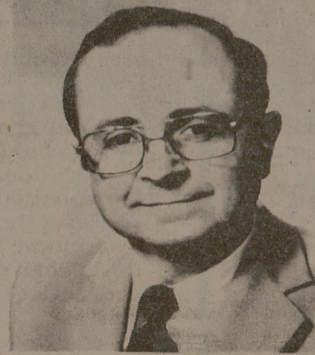
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