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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	3
COUNCIL MEETING	1980 01 14

RE: DISCHARGE OF POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS INTO THE FRASER RIVER
BELKIN PAPERBOARD, A DIVISION OF BELKIN PACKAGING LTD.
8255 WIGGINS STREET, BURNABY, B.C.

Following are two questions on which answers were requested in connection with Council's discussion of industrial effluent which was being discharged into the Fraser River by the Belkin Paper Company:

1. Was Burnaby staff knowledgeable about this problem prior to the month of January, 1980?
2. Why is this Company being allowed to operate when the problems that it is having with its pollution control equipment has not been rectified?

Council also requested information on the tests that had been conducted by the Environmental Protection Services concerning the release of P.C.B.'s into the Fraser River from the Belkin Paper Company plant.

As noted in the following report, a full report on this matter will be submitted to Council in the very near future.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector be received for information purposes.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 80 01 09
FROM: CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
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RECOMMENDATION

THAT this report be received for the information of Council.

REPORT

Further to a Council enquiry, arising during the meeting of 1980 January 07 and referring to the above-noted subject, we would submit the following progress report.

This concerned plant does have a controlled effluent discharge to the Fraser River, such discharge coming within the jurisdiction and requiring a permit from the Pollution Control Branch, Ministry of The Environment, Provincial Government.

This Department had no knowledge of the fact that the pertinent effluent discharge contained Polychlorinated Biphenyls. We have, 1980 January 09, discussed the subject with the Pollution Control Branch by telephone and will be forwarding a formal request for full information as to past events and present status of the effluent discharge.

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We are also requesting, in writing, any information the Environmental Protection Service, Environment Canada, may have which relates to the Burnaby Section of the Fraser River.

In the meantime, this Department will continue its investigation and will be submitting a full report on this subject within the next two to three weeks.



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