

SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF POLLUTION CONTROL AND ECOLOGY TO INVESTIGATE THE SITUATION WITH THE TEXAS EASTERN GAS PIPELINE COMPANY AND TO COORDINATE WITH THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF THE PCB CONTAMINATION AND ITS POTENTIAL THREAT TO HUMAN HEALTH ALONG THE TEXAS EASTERN'S PIPELINE IN ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, various newspaper reports have revealed that the Texas Eastern Gas Pipeline Company has buried toxic substances containing cancer-causing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's) in earthen pits on their property along their natural gas pipeline at four sites in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of Arkansas citizens in Nevada, Hot Spring, Lawrence, and White Counties may be seriously threatened by the improper disposal of these toxic carcinogenic chemicals through contamination of surface lands and groundwater supplies; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Eastern Gas Pipeline Company have been less than forthcoming with information about the extent of the PCB contamination and have failed to warn the public about the potential hazards to human and animal health from these cancer-causing chemicals,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

That the Arkansas Department of Pollution Control and Ecology be requested to investigate the Texas Eastern Gas Pipeline Company's dumping of toxic chemicals and to coordinate with the Federal Environmental Protection Agency to determine the extent of PCB contamination at the four sites in Nevada, Hot Spring, Lawrence, and White Counties so that the actual threat to human health and life can be determined as quickly as possible to alleviate public fears.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this Resolution, an appropriate copy hereof shall be transmitted to Dr. Phyllis Garnett, the Director of the Arkansas Department of Pollution Control and Ecology.