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## **MEETING**

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meeting — an event that had an invitation list of 500.

"The bottom line is, the reason we put on this forum was because this publicity generated by the Fox Valley (chamber) was leaving the impression that there weren't public health hazards," he said.

"The scheduling of this conference had the impact that actually having the conference would have had," Meyer said.

"I think they realized that this was not an issue they would wish to debate."

Although Meyer said the DNR will update the public on clean-up plans and health hazards posed by the 80,000 pounds of PCBs in the river from paper mill discharges, he doesn't expect those meetings

will feature Theo Colborn — a leading proponent of an emerging and controversial theory about PCBs.

The Kimberly meeting was to feature the World Wildlife Fund scientist, who attracted international attention in 1996 with her controversial book *Our Stolen Future*.

The book theorizes that PCBs and other chemicals can masquerade as hormones in the body and control development and function, and implicated a range of synthetic chemicals commonly used in herbicides, insecticides and fungicides.

Industry has attacked Colborn's theories openly, and environmentalists speculate her scheduled appearance in Kimberly was opposed by Fox River paper mills held responsible for the PCB cleanup.