



Biocidal: Confronting the Poisonous Legacy of PCBs

Ted Dracos

Download now

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

Biocidal: Confronting the Poisonous Legacy of PCBs

Ted Dracos

Biocidal: Confronting the Poisonous Legacy of PCBs Ted Dracos

In 1962, Rachel Carson stunned the world with the publication of *Silent Spring*, exposing the lethal character of the pesticide DDT. Her work launched a global campaign against synthetic chemical toxins and veritably created a world environmental movement. But unbeknownst to Carson, an even more insidious chemical cousin to DDT had been silently poisoning the biosphere.

Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) were first manufactured in 1920. Seen as a “magic fluid,” they were a cheap and stable heat-transfer material used as a critical coolant in big power grids. The chemical industry soon went on to develop hundreds of other uses for this highly toxic group of substances—everything from copy paper and paint to hydraulic fluids. Despite being outlawed in the U.S. since 1976, PCBs are currently found in the remotest corners of Earth and remain the most prevalent group of industrial chemical contaminants in much of the world. Every human being, from the womb to the grave, bears a body burden of these poisonous molecules forever locked in their blood and tissues.

In *Biocidal*, investigative journalist Ted Dracos tells the full story of PCBs for the first time, starting with the chilling chronicle of how the chemical industry manipulated regulatory agencies and scientific findings for decades to continue to reap huge profits, despite their knowledge of the threats posed by their “magic fluid.” Dracos draws on extensive research to document the connection between PCBs and catastrophic human illness, presenting the latest science as studies draw ever more disturbing links between PCBs and continued health impacts ranging from cancer and autism to immunosuppression and reproductive abnormalities.

Biocidal also explores the science behind the threat PCBs pose to Earth’s biodiversity: today, killer whales in the Puget Sound are dying, the eggs of Ontario Lake trout are doomed before they can hatch, 99 percent of the freshwater eels of Europe have disappeared, and frogs around the world are going extinct. While these disasters have many possible causes, evidence pointing to PCBs keeps accumulating, much like the toxins in these animals’ systems.

Nonetheless, Dracos leaves readers with a profound message of hope: the damage is not irreversible. In fact, cleanup efforts that involve the removal of the source of PCBs can really work, and quickly. Offering a simple blueprint for steps that can be taken to reduce the impacts of all industrial chemicals, *Biocidal* ultimately points the way toward a detoxified world.

 [Download Biocidal: Confronting the Poisonous Legacy of PCBs ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Biocidal: Confronting the Poisonous Legacy of PC ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online Biocidal: Confronting the Poisonous Legacy of PCBs Ted Dracos

From reader reviews:

Sherrie Shannon:

The book Biocidal: Confronting the Poisonous Legacy of PCBs can give more knowledge and information about everything you want. So why must we leave the good thing like a book Biocidal: Confronting the Poisonous Legacy of PCBs? Some of you have a different opinion about e-book. But one aim that book can give many info for us. It is absolutely appropriate. Right now, try to closer with your book. Knowledge or information that you take for that, you can give for each other; you can share all of these. Book Biocidal: Confronting the Poisonous Legacy of PCBs has simple shape nevertheless, you know: it has great and large function for you. You can search the enormous world by start and read a guide. So it is very wonderful.

Agnes Henson:

What do you about book? It is not important with you? Or just adding material if you want something to explain what yours problem? How about your spare time? Or are you busy individual? If you don't have spare time to accomplish others business, it is make one feel bored faster. And you have time? What did you do? All people has many questions above. They have to answer that question due to the fact just their can do which. It said that about reserve. Book is familiar in each person. Yes, it is proper. Because start from on kindergarten until university need this Biocidal: Confronting the Poisonous Legacy of PCBs to read.

Robert McKay:

The reason? Because this Biocidal: Confronting the Poisonous Legacy of PCBs is an unordinary book that the inside of the reserve waiting for you to snap the item but latter it will distress you with the secret it inside. Reading this book next to it was fantastic author who also write the book in such awesome way makes the content inside of easier to understand, entertaining means but still convey the meaning fully. So , it is good for you for not hesitating having this any more or you going to regret it. This excellent book will give you a lot of benefits than the other book have such as help improving your talent and your critical thinking technique. So , still want to hesitate having that book? If I were you I will go to the guide store hurriedly.

Bruce Smith:

Beside that Biocidal: Confronting the Poisonous Legacy of PCBs in your phone, it could give you a way to get closer to the new knowledge or information. The information and the knowledge you might got here is fresh through the oven so don't always be worry if you feel like an older people live in narrow small town. It is good thing to have Biocidal: Confronting the Poisonous Legacy of PCBs because this book offers for you readable information. Do you oftentimes have book but you rarely get what it's exactly about. Oh come on, that will happen if you have this in your hand. The Enjoyable agreement here cannot be questionable, such as treasuring beautiful island. So do you still want to miss the idea? Find this book and read it from now!

Download and Read Online Biocidal: Confronting the Poisonous Legacy of PCBs Ted Dracos #O9DHVJ0IFMP

Read Biocidal: Confronting the Poisonous Legacy of PCBs by Ted Dracos for online ebook

Biocidal: Confronting the Poisonous Legacy of PCBs by Ted Dracos Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Biocidal: Confronting the Poisonous Legacy of PCBs by Ted Dracos books to read online.

Online Biocidal: Confronting the Poisonous Legacy of PCBs by Ted Dracos ebook PDF download

Biocidal: Confronting the Poisonous Legacy of PCBs by Ted Dracos Doc

Biocidal: Confronting the Poisonous Legacy of PCBs by Ted Dracos Mobipocket

Biocidal: Confronting the Poisonous Legacy of PCBs by Ted Dracos EPub