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EPA Fines Conyers Firm For Not Filing a Report

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WASHINGTON — A Conyers firm that makes swimming pool supplies is one of 25 companies in 13 states which the Environmental Protection Agency said Monday it was fining for failing to report releases of toxic chemicals into the environment.

Agency spokespersons said penalties totaling \$34,000 were being assessed against Bio-Lab Inc. of Conyers for failing to meet a July 1 deadline for reporting releases of two substances, copper sulfate and phosphoric acid.

The company was obligated under the Community Right-to-Know Act to disclose to local, state and federal officials the release of any substances on a list of chemicals designated by Congress as "extremely hazardous substances." The law requiring disclosure of any release of listed chemicals was passed in response to the December, 1984, disaster at Bhopal, India, where an uncontrolled release of a toxic chemical from a Union Carbide chemical plant caused the deaths of more than 2,000 people.

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