Junior High Students Learn About PCBs

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Seventh graders from the Columbus Junction High School in Iowa visited the Iowa Superfund Research Program at the University of Iowa for a 1 day field trip. The 46 students rotated in groups through five research stations where they observed and even had some hands-on experience in PCB analysis and retention, microscopy and animal exposure by aerosol inhalation. They also watched the necropsy of a mouse, which provided them with literally deeper insight into the biological effects of environmental contaminants.

During lunch they had a chance to express their impressions and new attitude towards research. Students and staff from project 1, 6, 7, the Community Engagement, Training, Research Translation, Synthesis, and Administration Core helped with the event.

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