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EPA delays release of dioxin data: The Clean Water Network on Wednesday called on federal officials to release dioxin discharge data for the Buckeye Florida pulp mill in Perry. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Wednesday said it will delay releasing data requested by the group so it can consider a claim by Buckeye that releasing it would reveal confidential business information. Dioxin is a deadly chemical compound that in low doses can affect the development of humans and wildlife. The Clean Water Network, a nationwide alliance of 1,000 groups, is paying \$50,000 to air radio ads in Tallahassee and Gainesville asking listeners to urge EPA to release the data. A company official said the public should be less concerned about dioxin than about cleaning up the Fenholloway River. The company's proposal to build a pipeline to move its discharge from the river to the Gulf of Mexico has been delayed by the EPA.