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ST. CLAIR SHORES AREA RESIDENTS UNITING TO ADDRESS PCB CONTAMINATION

CITIZEN ORGANIZED PUBLIC FORUM ANNOUNCED

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St. Clair Shores, MI B In the wake of the recently discovered PCB disaster
in St. Clair Shores, area residents are saying "enough is enough" as they
unite to demand more answers from public agencies.

"We need immediate answers about the PCBs and other contaminants they've
found in our neighborhoods,@ said St. Clair Shores resident Donna Hetzel,
who lives on the Revere Street canal. Hetzel's views are shared by a growing
number of Metro Detroit residents who are seeking to clean up the
contamination in St. Clair Shores and in Lake St. Clair.

"The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency must expand the investigation into
Lake St. Clair so we'll know where the >emergency= ends," said Brad Wilson
of Clean Water Action and Clean Water Fund. Wilson indicated that the

Agency has only looked at two canals and one storm drain system, and it has not taken any samples in Lake St. Clair or other canals, storm drains or sewer drains. Wilson continued, "How will we know whether or not the emergency clean-up should be extended into Lake St. Clair and other canals if they haven't tested these areas for contamination?"

St. Clair Shores area is one of the worst contaminated sites in Michigan and it appears to be among the worst in U.S. history. Metro Detroit residents are concerned about the extremely high levels of PCBs and other contaminants that have been discovered. Many live and recreate along Lake St. Clair and its tributaries. The majority of Metro Detroit residents are on the drinking water system, and many also consume fish from these waters.

"Because no testing has been done in or under Lake St. Clair or of its fish and wildlife, we do not know if recreational activities pose public health threats," said Dave Hargrave, member of Lake St. Clair Bass Anglers Association and the Michigan United Conservation Clubs. Additional testing must be done to protect the health of the thousands of people who recreate on Lake St. Clair.

Dr. Michael Harbut, Chief of the Center for Environmental and Occupational Medicine, spoke about the health effects of PCBs and other contaminants that have been found in the storm drain system and 10 Mile/Lange/Revere St. canals.

The speakers announced that a citizen-organized public forum will be held on June 5th at 7:00 p.m. at South Lake High School*. Metro Detroit area residents are encouraged to attend so they can ask questions to public agency officials and hear from citizens who have worked in other parts of the U.S. to address PCB contamination in their communities.

The speakers also distributed the list of demands developed by concerned area residents. The demands are aimed at protecting public health and ensuring that investigative and clean-up funds are spent wisely.

"We demand a safe, quick, and effective end to this problem. We are not going away until our neighborhoods are safe," said Hargrave. "We are in this for the long haul."

*South Lake High School Auditorium is located at 21900 East Nine Mile Road in St. Clair Shores, Michigan 48080 (between Harper Avenue and Mack Avenue).

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CITIZEN'S DEMANDS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. Establish effective methods to monitor Lake St. Clair and all canals, outfalls, storm drains and sanitary sewers and to notify the public in real-time.
2. Have regulatory agency representatives attend the Public Forum to answer the public's questions.
3. Designate the affected area as an Emergency Response Site after a full investigation is completed by the US EPA.
4. Post "NO BOATING, SWIMMING OR FISHING" signs in areas that are determined to contain PCB and other contamination.
5. Conduct a full investigation in Lake St. Clair and other canals, outflows, storm drains and sanitary sewers, drinking water, fish tissue, and sediment

and air samples.

6. Complete a health study of people in the Emergency Response Site area(s) and make free or low cost tests available for testing people, pets and property.
7. Complete a supplemental US EPA investigation of lawns and gardens in the Emergency Response Site area(s).
8. Enforce the Clean Air and the Clean Water Act.
9. Clean up all affected areas safely, quickly and effectively.

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UNANSWERED QUESTIONS FROM ST. CLAIR SHORES AREA RESIDENTS ABOUT PCBs

The following is a partial list of questions, as of May 15, 2002. Additional questions will be added as they arise from the public.

- * What must be done so this doesn't happen again?
- * When was the last time this area was tested for contaminants?
- * What were the levels of contaminants found?
- * If PCBs aren't in the water, how did they get from the drain to the canals?
- * What should you do if someone comes into contact with PCBs?
- * Exactly how can one tell if PCBs have been dumped recently or if it is from a long term build up?
- * Since no one wants to live with PCBs, what are the economic ramifications for our community?
- * How long will these PCBs be around, how long before they break down?
- * How would somebody who may have been exposed to PCBs get medical treatment and/or tested for cancer?
- * What sediment and water samples have been taken from Lake St. Clair?
- * Is there another public meeting set with the regulatory agencies?
- * Are other drain systems currently being tested for PCB's and other harmful chemicals?
- * How does or how is a company with PCBs supposed to properly dispose of them?
- * Hasn't the government always monitored the water and sewer systems for PCBs and other chemicals?
- * If my house isn't on a canal why should I care about it, is it my problem?
- * How does the sediment flow through and out of the sewer, doesn't it ever mix with the water?
- * If officials can't locate the PCBs in the drain system how can they be sure that the PCBs are: 1. not leaking outside of the canals, and 2. not in the water?
- * How do you flush out drains and such, will the contaminants go in to the lake?
- * How does this get cleaned up?
- * Is anyone sick in that area?
- * What is the time table for the clean-up?
- * How will the clean-up be funded?

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<http://www.great-lakes.net/lists/enviro-mich/>

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