

City of St. Clair Shores
Office of the City Manager

Macomb County Public Works Office
Office of the Commissioner

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Dear Resident:

We are writing this letter to update you on the PCB investigation in the Ten Mile/Lange/Revere Drainage System and address some common questions asked by residents in your area.

Q. Where do we stand in the investigation today?

A. Over 300 sediment and water samples have been taken through the Ten Mile/Lange/Revere Drainage System. The EPA is in the process of analyzing and double-checking the data to determine the scope of the PCB contamination. City, County, State and Federal agencies will then develop a cleanup plan to address the areas where the highest concentrations of PCBs have been found. At the same time, they are investigating long-term solutions.

Q. What is the timeline?

A. The sampling phase is near completion. The final report that details the data analysis and the scope of the problem is expected by mid-summer. Cleanup plans should be finalized by late summer.

Q. I have a house on the 10 Mile/Lange/Revere canal. Can I swim or wade in the canal this summer?

A. No. The Macomb County Health Department does not recommend swimming or wading in the canals. These activities should only be pursued at managed recreational swimming locations where regular water quality monitoring and maintenance are conducted and where lifesaving personnel are present.

Q. Where can I go to get more information about health concerns?

A. The Macomb County Department of Health has established a PCB information hotline number at 586-466-7923. It addresses common questions such as using canal water for irrigation, eating the fish in the canals, and other exposure concerns. Additional information can be found on their web site at www.co.macomb.mi.us/publichealth.

Q. Is there a restriction against boating on the 10 Mile/Lange/Revere canals? A. No. At this time, no official restriction has been issued. You should observe the "no wake" regulations and make every effort to avoid disturbing the sediments at the bottom of the canal.

We have also enclosed a fact sheet produced by the U.S.E.P.A. that explains the background, sampling and data collection process, and initial investigation findings. Additional information is available on the City's web site at www.stclairshores.net. The St. Clair Shores Library offers free Internet access for those residents unable to access the Internet from their home or business.

If you have further questions, please call the City of St. Clair Shores at 586-445-5200 or the Macomb County Public Works Office at 586-469-5325.

Cordially,

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