



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH  
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Dear Homeowner:

Federal, state, and local agencies are committed to the protection of public health and the environment in and near the Ten Mile Drain Superfund site.

In April and May of 2010, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) took fish samples including carp, largemouth bass, pumpkinseed, and black crappie from the 10 Mile/Lange/Revere canals for PCB analysis. Fish in these canals have been contaminated with PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls). Although these chemicals will not make someone sick right away, they could cause health problems in the future, including cancer and diabetes. Because of this, avoid eating fish from the canals and choose fish from other local waters or your grocery store. The *Michigan Fish Advisory* can help you choose fish that are safer to eat. You can get it by visiting [www.michigan.gov/eatsafefish](http://www.michigan.gov/eatsafefish) or calling 1-800-648-6942.

Initial analytical results indicate that PCB levels in these fish are above the Michigan Department of Community Health's (MDCH's) "trigger" level that prompts fish consumption advisories. Although not all of the data are available as of this date, **MDCH is issuing a "do not eat" advisory for all fish in the 10 Mile/Lange/Revere canals.** Please do not eat any fish caught from the canals until further advised.

Signs regarding the "do not eat" advisory will be posted at areas where the public might access the canals to fish, such as near the storm sewer outfall and at the mouth of the canals.

As a precaution, MDCH also is advising that people not eat carp or channel catfish from Lake St. Clair near this area until more local data are available.

Agency representatives will be available at the June 6, 2011 St. Clair Shores City Council meeting to discuss the fish sampling data, and a public meeting will be scheduled for this summer.

- There is an updated factsheet about preventing exposure to PCBs at the Macomb County Health Department website (<http://macombcountymi.gov/publichealth/EH/PCB.htm>).
- If you have any questions about the fish advisory issued for the 10 Mile/Lange/Revere canals or historical advisories for other nearby waterbodies, please contact MDCH at 1-800-648-6942.
- For questions about U.S. EPA's Ten Mile Drain investigation, please contact EPA Remedial Project Manager, Colleen Moynihan at 800-621-8431, ext. 38196, or EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, Megan McSeveney at 800-621-8431, ext. 61972.
- For questions about MDEQ's involvement with the Ten Mile Drain investigation, please contact State Project Manager, Autumn Lawson at 517-241-2120.

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Sincerely,



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