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Dear 10 Mile/Lange/Revere Canal 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 2011, the then Michigan Department of Community Health (now the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services [MDHHS]) issued a “do not eat” fish advisory for all fish caught in the Lange/Revere canals and for carp and catfish caught in Lake St. Clair. The advisory was based on unsafe levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in fish from those canals. MDHHS sent information and updates about the advisory to your home in May and August 2011 and May 2012. This letter reminds you that **the “do not eat” advisory for the Lange/Revere canals is still in place** and updates you on the current Eat Safe Fish guidelines for Lake St. Clair.

In Lake St. Clair, there is a “Special Notice” area within two miles of the Lange/Revere canals (between Lakefront Park and Veteran’s Memorial Park, and out into open water). Some of the Eat Safe Fish guidelines for the Special Notice area are more restrictive than for the rest of Lake St. Clair due to PCBs being elevated in several fish species that were sampled in the lake near the Lange/Revere canals. There are a couple of resources available that provide the details about the guidelines for the lake:

1. The MDHHS Eat Safe Fish Guide for Southeast Michigan shows all the guidelines for the southeast region of the state. The guide is available on-line at www.michigan.gov/eatsafefish, at the “Going Fishing?” button. Information is listed by county. Lake St. Clair is listed in the guidelines for Macomb, St. Clair, and Wayne Counties.
2. MDHHS has replaced the “Eat Safe Fish in St. Clair Shores” brochure with an “Eat Safe Fish in Macomb County” brochure. This brochure makes it easier to find Eat Safe Fish information if you are fishing only in Macomb County rather than other areas in the southeast region. You can pick up the brochure locally at City Hall, West Marine, Lakeside Bait Shop, or the public works office. It is also available on-line at www.michigan.gov/eatsafefish, at the “Find Your Area” button.

You may have noticed signs along the Lange/Revere canals, informing people about the “do not eat” advisory. There are more signs available. If you would like to have a sign posted in your yard by the canal, please contact me.

As a reminder, people should not swim in the Lange/Revere canals until the PCBs in the canals are cleaned up. Homeowners should not use canal water for irrigating, since the pump may take up contaminated sediment and deposit it on your lawn or garden.

All of the documents and outreach materials that MDHHS has produced for the Ten Mile Drain area can be accessed at www.michigan.gov/mdch-toxics, under "Health Assessments and Related Documents." You can also access these documents from the St. Clair Shores website (www.scsmi.net) by searching for the 10 Mile Drain PCB Investigation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns at 517-335-9717 or bushc6@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christina Rose Bush".

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