

Environmental workers began excavating a handful of backyards between Bon Brae and Bon Heur and along Lakeland on Friday to clean up the surface PCBs found in the neighborhood.

The EPA will dig 2 feet deep in about 25 high level contamination spots to eliminate any contact threats. The \$1.2 million cleanup will also include soil removal, testing and transport to hazardous waste landfills. The parking lot of the City's DPW Complex is being used as a testing site.

Once the work is completed, the EPA will fill the holes in resident's backyards and re-seed the grass. A cured-in-place epoxy liner will also be installed in the sewers near the 10 Mile drain to prevent the PCBs from leeching into the pipe.

The work is expected to be completed within a month and a half. Workers with the EPA and the MDEQ have set up a telephone line for residents to call if they have questions about the excavation. The number is 777-0369.