

**PCB Investigation Update 3/10/2006:**

**Plans for ridding PCBs from the 10 Mile Drain TOPS the news for this week. Jeff Kimble, point person for the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Michigan regional office, unveiled the plans during a Town Hall Meeting at Lakeview High School on March 1.**

**The EPA studied 5 alternatives for removing the PCBs. And the alternative that proved most feasible included storm sewer restoration using a liner placed inside the 10 Mile Drain to prevent PCBs from entering the pipe and limited removal of contaminated surface soil.**

**If needed, a new system to maintain water stability will also be installed. Kimble pointed out that officials believe that the ongoing contamination is actually filtering into the sewer through potential cracks. And the liner could correct this problem. The liner has a 10-20 year life span.**

**The EPA has earmarked \$1.2 million for this project and for CONTINUED study for the complete elimination of PCBs in the 10 Mile Drainage District.**

**Concerned residents also received assurances from The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality that their drinking water is tested twice a year and PCBs have NEVER been detected.**

**Hae Jin Yoon from the MDEQ also noted that the dead fish found floating in the Lange Canal in late February was NOT related to PCBs but rather associated with the effect of the extreme temperature changes we've had this winter on one species of fish.**

**The full EPA report, including the report by Weston Solutions and the analysis of the cleanup alternatives is available for reference in the PCB Repository in the St. Clair Shores Library. The City will also post it on the City's website as soon as the EPA makes it available in .pdf format. Stay tuned to "SCS Local Matters" for more information when this phase of the cleanup project begins.**