

# Cleanup to Begin on Middleground Island

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**Tittabawassee River, Saginaw River & Bay Site**  
Midland, Saginaw and Bay City, Michigan

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## You are invited

Representatives from EPA, EGLE and Dow will be available to talk about the project and take your questions. See the “Upcoming Meeting” box at the bottom of this page for details.

## For more information

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## Webpage

For more details about the site, visit the webpage at:

[www.epa.gov/superfund/tittabawassee-river](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/tittabawassee-river)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, or EGLE, plans to start work to remove contaminated soil from several residential areas on Middleground Island. Residential properties where soil tests show levels greater than 250 parts of dioxin in a trillion parts of soil – a measure known as parts per trillion, or ppt, – will be dug up and replaced with clean soil and restored with grasses and plants.



## Upcoming Work in Your Neighborhood

Saginaw River and Bay water levels are dropping now, and construction is scheduled to begin at the end of May and is expected to last until October, weather permitting.

Dow Chemical Company will do the cleanup with EPA and EGLE oversight. Dow will prepare a temporary staging area for materials and equipment along Evergreen Drive, north of the residential area, before the start of construction. Dow’s contractor’s will be working typically from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

During construction, traffic flow may be modified as needed to ensure the safety of the residents and workers and to minimize construction traffic on the island. The following details are included in the traffic management plan to alleviate construction traffic on the island:

- Flag people will be present to help direct traffic in construction areas
- Reduced speed limits will be present in the residential area
- Construction signage will be present along Evergreen Drive and Salzburg Road



## Upcoming Meeting

EPA will host an outdoor meeting with EGLE and Dow to provide information and answer questions on the upcoming project.

Tuesday, May 10

4 to 7 p.m.

The tent will be located at green space south of Salzburg Avenue on Evergreen Drive, Bay City, Michigan

Special precautions will continue to be taken to protect public health during Coronavirus-related restrictions.



## What properties need a cleanup?

Not every property needs a cleanup. The Dow Chemical Company took soil samples from most residential properties and on other areas on the island. Property owners eligible for cleanup have been contacted by EPA. Seventeen of the residential areas sampled had dioxin levels greater than EPA's cleanup number of 250 ppt. In total, about 15 acres are expected to be cleaned up.

Dow also sampled the recreational areas at the north end of the island and some commercial properties in the center of the island. Those results are all well below EPA's non-residential cleanup number of 2,000 ppt and not of concern. Therefore, EPA's cleanup plan is focused on the residential areas.



Middleground Island. Cleanups will be at residential properties that exceed EPA's cleanup number.

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