PCBs are chemicals released into the environment from a variety of industrial processes. PCBs get into the river bottom. PCBs break down very slowly over time. Small aquatic animals in the river eat the PCBs and the fish eat the animals. People who eat the fish containing PCBs store these PCBs in their body fat for many years.

Is it safe to use Lincoln Park during clean up?
Yes! Most areas of the park are safe to use as normal. For your safety, stay out of marked construction areas and where there is construction equipment. We do not expect people (or pets) to become ill from contact with the PCBs in the riverbed sediments. We recommend that people avoid even small amounts of exposure by washing hands before eating.

What are PCBs?
PCBs are bad for us. They are known to cause developmental health issues in babies. PCBs are man-made and have no smell. They are yellow, oily liquids that don’t easily burn. There are no natural sources of PCB’s. PCBs are found in the sediment in several areas of Lincoln Creek.

NOTICE

PCBs are chemicals released into the environment from a variety of industrial processes. They get into the river bottom, break down very slowly, and are stored in people’s body fat. People should follow local advisories and wash hands after contact with river waters or soils. For your safety, we recommend the following:

1. Follow the posted fish advisory signs.
2. Stay away from the work areas and keep your dogs away from the posted areas as well.
3. Wash hands, feet or other objects that have contacted river waters or soils.

Think Health. Act Now! Local Health Department. Board of Health Director. For more information, visit www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/eh/WISites/LincolnPark/