Public Health

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Anglers, Fish Consumption Health Concerns & Timeline

• Will public health agencies identify who is eating fish, and why?

• Will PCBs in fish decrease after the cleanup at Lincoln Park?
  – Will fish consumption advisories ever be lifted?
Pet Safety

• I am concerned about my dog when it swims or wades at Lincoln Park. How can I protect my pet?
Child Health Considerations

• Is there a health concern for residents and park users who walk on exposed flats?

• Will area children be tested for PCBs or other contaminants?
Child Health Considerations

• What education and outreach will there be for parents, children, and park users?

• When children are fishing at Lincoln Park will public health agencies educate them about the contamination and stop them from fishing?
PCBs and Health

• When mudflats are uncovered will PCBs become airborne and increase our exposures?

• Is PCB exposure risk different for other portions of Lincoln Park?

• Once PCB-contaminated sediments are removed will they be safely disposed?
PCBs and Health

• Is PCB contamination of sediments getting worse at Lincoln Park?

• During the cleanup should the mudflats be covered with water to prevent unsafe PCB exposures?
Other Contaminants in Lincoln Creek

• What are the health risks from other sediment contaminants in Lincoln Park?

• What can be done to stop Lincoln Park from being contaminated by:
  – Lawn chemicals
  – Agricultural run-off, nitrogen, fertilizers, and *E.coli* bacteria?
Public Communication Needs

• We need better outreach to parents and schools.

• Mass mailings can reach many people.

• Better signage is needed to inform park users.

• Signs have language barriers.
Water Quality

- I am concerned about storm water runoff and raw sewage at Lincoln Park during heavy rains. What can be done to stop this?