

## Ahead of Schedule: Additional 50 properties to be tested in 2012

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**MIDLAND, Mich. — July 30, 2012** — Implementation of Dow's Midland Area Soils work plan is currently ahead of schedule. We have sampled all properties originally slated for 2012 where we were able to obtain access agreements, and have mailed sampling results to owners. Our teams are now working with property owners whose properties tested above the 250ppt action level to create individual property plans, discuss access agreements, and schedule remedy actions.

In order to continue to make progress under the work plan, DEQ and Dow will be accelerating the work schedule as part of a commitment to "adaptive management." This means that we're making real-time adjustments to the work schedule to implement the work plan in the most efficient way possible.

On July 23, DEQ formally approved sampling 50 properties this year that were originally scheduled for sampling next year. The majority of these properties are bounded by Pine Street on the southwest, Patrick Road on the southeast, Carpenter Road on the northeast, and Mill Street on the northwest with the remaining properties located to the northeast of the 2012 sampling area.

Dow has already contacted these property owners to inform them of the option to have their soil tested this summer. Our Resolution Team will reach out to owners to answer any questions they might have, and discuss access agreements. It is important to note that all soil sampling and remedy actions under this work plan are voluntary. No soil sampling or remediation will take place without the expressed consent of the property owner.

Dow intends to complete this additional soil testing, as well as any remedy actions that may be required, during the 2012 construction season.

We remain committed to making the process as straight-forward as possible for property owners, and will do all we can to complete work in the safest and most efficient manner possible.