



Saginaw - Tittabawassee Rivers Contamination Community Advisory Group

CAG members see Segment 2 cleanup of the Tittabawassee River

On July 21, 2014 several CAG members got a first hand look at the work being done on Segment Two of the Tittabawassee River cleanup project. They were joined by officials from the EPA, Michigan DEQ and Dow Chemical.



Two pontoon boats were provided for the tour of the Segment Two work area. One of the boats, above, heads downstream, passing under the old Smiths Crossing bridge. At right a boat heads down the river as a work area is pointed out.





Todd Konechne, left, of the Dow Chemical Company explains some of the early work done along a bank of the Tittabawassee River to members of the CAG. The bank in the background was worked on a couple of years ago and is in the upper section of Segment 2. The area was seeded with native plants.

Below the group gets a look at a bank area undergoing work. In a few years it should look like the bank in the top photo.





Photo above shows a bank area along the west side of the river, just downstream of the Gordonville Road bridge. Work on a dry dredging area was also underway. The Bank Management Areas (BMA) are areas where riverbank erosion could be a significant way for dioxin to get back into the river.

The photo below shows the river on July 30, looking downstream from the Gordonville bridge. This shows the dry dredging work underway.

The water in the impounded area will be pumped out allowing for excavation of the river bottom. The impoundment walls will then be removed. The bank work seen above can be seen past the containment work, below.





Maps of Segment Two were provided so those on the tour could get a good feeling for what the map shows and the actual site on the river.