

'We investigate'

Toxic waste unit looks for work

By Suzie Rollins Singer
staff writer

Southeastern Michigan's industry daily produces hundreds of thousands of tons of waste — which up buried in someone's backyard.

"It's not surprising, with so much waste, that some will be disposed of improperly or illegally. Some is done through ignorance, some on purpose," said Larry C. Holcomb, executive secretary to the state Toxic Substance Control Commission.

Holcomb and several Toxic Substance Control commissioners are holding public hearings across the state to listen to people's complaints about hazardous waste problems in their areas. Last month, the TSCC drew about 100 people to a hearing at Oakland Community College.

THE COMMISSION, whose members are appointed by the governor for two-year terms, was formed in 1979.

Its job is to be a watchdog over the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Agriculture and any other state agency responsible for monitoring environmental and public health complaints.

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lem, we investigate it. We get on the DNR's back, ask for reports, and keep on top of the case.

"The DNR (and other agencies) don't have to respond to us — but they do, because of peer pressure," Holcomb said.

The TSCC's number is (517) 373-1031. At the conclusion of hearings this month, the commission will make recommendations to the governor and the Michigan Legislature for statutes and regulations.

MOST COMPLAINTS at the OCC meeting lived in industrial townships which had overflowing landfills contaminating their ground water. They told commissioners horror stories spanning 10 years with no progress except increased pollution.

A Shelby Township representative, Bill Finland, told of a landfill near his

home whose chemicals are flowing in the Clinton River.

"There are as many as 10 different places where lagoons are leaching into the Clinton River that flows into Lake St. Clair. The acid odors are incredible. Our fire department doesn't know what to do if the chemicals caught fire there, because we don't know what the chemicals are," said Finland.

Although Finland appealed to DNR officials numerous times during the past five years, he said his efforts were fruitless.

"If I had been in charge of that (DNR) management," Holcomb said, "that landfill would have been shut down five years ago. It may be reopened now, but it would have been shut down until the problems were fixed. Even some DNR people are sorry they didn't take action a long time ago."

Filing a DNR complaint is a long

process, Holcomb acknowledged — a process which the TSCC has recommended be changed.

BRIGHTON resident Carol Taylor said that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) contaminated her drinking water. She lives near an area where road salt is stored. In 1972, she said, salt began seeping into their drinking water.

"They (MDOT) knew they were contaminating our drinking water. Salt comes out of our tap, it's eating through my pipes, and we've been on bottled water for 3 1/2 years."

"The state told us three years ago that they would put in a new water system for us, but nothing's been done."

Holcomb called MDOT "extremely negligent."

"I don't like to say that until we do an investigation, but we do know there is a very high salt concentration in the water that makes it not safe to drink, and we know the lake is highly polluted," Holcomb said.

"If a state agency is responsible for the polluting someone's water, then they should be responsible for providing relief."

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