

Judge says cleanup must be 'responsible'

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"facilitator" to get negotiations under way as soon as possible.
FEIKENS SAID Bulkley has been involved in finding solutions to water pollution problems in southeast Michigan since 1977, when the EPA sued Detroit over discharges from the Detroit Waste-

water Treatment Plant.
"He (Bulkley) will begin getting the parties together and negotiating a solution," Feikens said.
"He will do his good things while we (pointing toward other attorneys present) work out the legal part," the judge said.
The core issue in the dispute is

how to eliminate pollution that results when heavy rain waters inundate combined storm and sanitary sewers dumping raw sewage — called "combined sewage overflow," or CSO — into the Rouge River.
The EPA and DNR insist the communities involved immediately act to install an undetermined number of retention basins to hold the water, thereby giving treatment plants more time to process the sewage.

The EPA and DNR insist the overflow be kept in retention basins for a minimum of 30 minutes during which time the water would be treated with chlorine before being returned to the sewers.
The estimated cost of installing the retention basins varies from \$500 million to \$2 billion, depending on the number and their size and location.
"THE ADDITIONAL cost per household varies from \$50 to \$2,000 per year."

"We don't disagree with the overall goal of cleaning up the Rouge River basin," said Oakland County Drain Commissioner George W. Kuhn. "But we disagree on the method and the timing."
Kuhn said the EPA and DNR are insisting on too much, too fast. "We're willing to clean up CSO. But we want a reasonable approach. The demands of the DNR would bankrupt our communities."
Kuhn said he is pleased with the

action taken by Feikens. "It's clear that he wants a reasonable solution. That's fine with us."
James E. Murray, director of the Wayne County Department of Public Works, said he too is pleased with the actions outlined by Feikens. "Nobody can hide from our obligation to clean up pollution," he said.
"But the approach Judge Feikens appears to be taking seems reasonable and practical."

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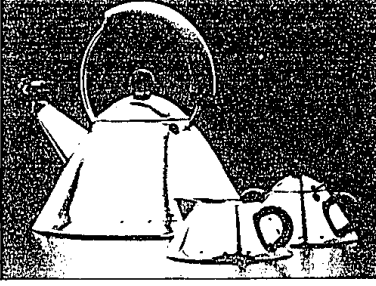
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