

Michigan's PBB Contamination Not Forgotten: Scientists to host PBB Community Meetings at Mount Pleasant and Big Rapids

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Saturday, September 7th, 10 am and Sunday, September 8th, 2 PM: The PBB research team wants to hear from people who were exposed to the chemical PBB after an accident that contaminated livestock feed, farmland, and food animal products such as meat, milk, and eggs on Michigan farms in the 1970s. The research team will share PBB research results from studies examining autoimmune disorders, weight loss, ADHD, and others, as well as listen to continued concerns regarding the health effects of the PBB contamination.

In 1973, PBB, a chemical used as a fire retardant in electronics and other household products, was mistakenly sent to the Michigan Farm Bureau instead of a nutritional supplement. The PBB was mixed into livestock feed and fed to farm animals across the state of Michigan. It took a year to discover the cause of the farm animals' illnesses. In the meantime, contaminated milk, beef, eggs, and other farm products were sold throughout the state, and residents across Michigan ate the farm products contaminated with PBB.

Approximately 5,000 Michigan residents have participated in the Michigan PBB Registry to study the possible long-term health effects related to PBB exposure. The PBB research team has studied the health effects of Michigan PBB contamination for over 20 years and has partnered with local groups, including the PBB Citizens Advisory Board and the Pine River Superfund Citizen Task Force.

If you, your parents, or your grandparents were part of the Michigan PBB Registry (formerly named the Michigan Long-Term PBB Study), we hope you will come to talk with the PBB research team and help guide future research examining the health effects of Michigan's PBB contamination.

For more information visit: <https://www.pbbregistry.emory.edu/>

Meeting information:

Saturday, September 7, 2024
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Central Michigan University
1280 East Campus Drive
Room 1404
Mount Pleasant, MI 48859

Sunday, September 8, 2024
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Hampton Inn by Hilton, Big Rapids
15320 Waldron Way
Big Rapids, MI 49307