

Scientists to Host PBB Community Meetings at St. Louis and Fremont, Michigan in November

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Saturday, November 7th, 10 am (in St. Louis) and Sunday, November 8th, 2 PM (in Fremont): The research team will share the latest PBB research findings, including updates on cancer analyses. The PBB research team wants to hear from people who were exposed to PBB, 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 the livestock feed and fed to farm animals across the state of Michigan. Many farms across Michigan received contaminated feed. 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.

To study the possible long-term health effects related to PBB exposure, over 7,500 Michigan residents have ever participated in the Michigan PBB Registry since 1976. Dr. Robert Hood, a scientist who has studied the health effects of the Michigan PBB contamination, has partnered with several community 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 lead PBB scientist 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, November 7, 2026 Sunday, November 8, 2026

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

St. Louis City Hall Fremont Community Center

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