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Whiting Water Test Due

WHITING — The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be testing Whiting water sometime this month.

Albert Odlivik, chief superintendent of Whiting's water department, said the EPA will include the city as one of 80 across the country to participate in the survey.

Poly-Chlorinated Biphenol (PCB), a chemical used in manufacturing insulating materials, will be top priority in the EPA's search.

PCB is very hard to destroy, and regenerates itself because of its ability to stay active.

Many larger fish in Lake Michigan have consumed enough of the chemical to pose a threat to human diet, Odlivik said.

The EPA will thoroughly test all aspects of the Whiting system, from the time it arrives in the treatment plant to the time it is ready for consumption.

Whiting water fared well in the last EPA survey, Odlivik said. The previous target of the search was chloroform.

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