



The ABSR Environment Committee is concerned about the repeated chemical spills into Lake Michigan and their detrimental environmental, health, and economic impacts.

We have compiled the following information to alert our neighbors about the extent of industry violations and regulatory responses to those violations. We want to encourage residents to insist on action addressing the following issues:

- Prompt detection of spills;
- Timely communication among lakefront industries, IDEM, and the communities along the shore;
- Stiffening industry standards to lower the rates of toxic chemicals currently allowed in Lake Michigan;
- Increasing severity of penalties for offending industries;
- Rigorous enforcement.

Please find attached:

1. A November 3, 2019 *Indianapolis Star* Op-Ed by Howard Learner, Executive Director, Environmental Law and Policy Center at the University of Chicago;
2. *Chicago Tribune* article by Michael Hawthorn, October 7, 2019;
3. Summary of issues;
4. A template of letter to send to Federal and State officials demanding action;
5. Suggestions to consider when calling Federal and State officials and;
6. Contact information for Federal and State officials.

Let your voices be heard.

