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### **Ohio EPA Asking Public for Help to Solve Case of Illegal Dumping in Toledo's Shantee Creek**

For the second time in less than a year, a material has been dumped into [Shantee Creek](#) in north Toledo, resulting in a fish kill. Local, state and federal officials are trying to locate those responsible for the most recent incident in mid-August.

Ohio EPA is requesting public tips that could lead to potential criminal charges against the person or people responsible.

The incident was reported on August 16, 2011, in the area of Laskey Road and Lewis Avenue. The creek was discolored and a number of minnows, bluegill and crayfish were killed. Shantee Creek empties into Maumee Bay.

Analysis of the material revealed the presence of dissolved metals at levels toxic to aquatic life.

It is likely the material was dumped into the creek that day, or no more than a couple of days earlier. The incident is similar to a dumping case in the creek near the same location in October 2010. That incident resulted in a bigger fish kill.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to call Rick Hassinger at Ohio EPA's Northwest District Office in Bowling Green at (419) 352-8461 or 800-686-6930.

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