

## DEMAND A PANEL STUDY WITH FIRST NATIONS REPRESENTATIVES!

### Tar Sands Crude Oil Refinery Proposed for the St. Clair River

Shell Canada is proposing to build and operate a huge Tar Sands Crude Oil Refinery on the St. Clair River. The mega-refinery would be located upstream from Walpole Island, on Walpole Island First Nation traditional territory and land claims.

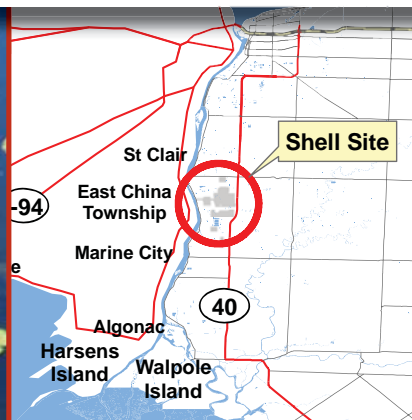
The land for the proposed refinery is home to wildlife and plants valued and used by our people. The land also has archeological, historical and spiritual significance to our people. Shell Canada's environmental assessment process has failed to address the land, water and human health issues raised by Akii Kwe.

The facilities may include a Tar Sands Heavy Crude Oil Refinery, tank farms and storage facilities, a new electricity gen-

eration plant, hazardous waste management facilities, a massive petroleum coke storage facility, and a new mega-dock to service 870 ships per year – 12% of the total 7,000 ships that pass through the area each year.

#### As a result of this project:

- Ontario and Shell Canada will force our community to deal with additional air and water emissions and the on-going threats of spills, fires, explosions, and refinery malfunctions.
- Ontario and Shell Canada will place a mega-refinery complex ½ a mile from a busy Michigan hospital that specializes in maternal and child health care, cancer treatment and pediatric medicine – with the full knowledge that the Aamjiwnaang First Nation community next door to Shell's current refinery near Sarnia has been referred to by the National Geographic Society as the "most toxic site in North America."
- Ontario and Shell Canada will place a significant risk of hydrocarbon and chemical pollution upstream from the Walpole Island drinking water intake system and several in Michigan.
- Ontario and Shell Canada will jeopardize Walpole's wildlife areas, fisheries, marshes and shorelines while demonstrating terrible environmental stewardship by placing a mega-refinery complex on top of rare Carolinian forest and the habitat for several species at risk and endangered plants.
- Ontario and Shell Canada will partner with Alberta to accelerate global warming by producing vast quantities of Green House Gas (GHG) emissions - despite Ontario's claims to have aggressive GHG reduction strategies.



# Heard enough? NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT!

When you write, make sure you DEMAND A PANEL STUDY, identify your address, and say why you have an interest in seeing First Nations fully represented on the panel that conducts the environmental assessment for the proposed mega-refinery project in our territory. We also urge you to request that our neighbours across the river in Michigan be represented on this panel.



## Take action before May 26, 2008!

Write a letter or send an email or fax demanding a "Panel Study" with First Nations representation to:

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### Send copies of your letters, emails or faxes to:

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