

# St. Clair Channel Keeper

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## DEMAND A PANEL STUDY WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM MICHIGAN!

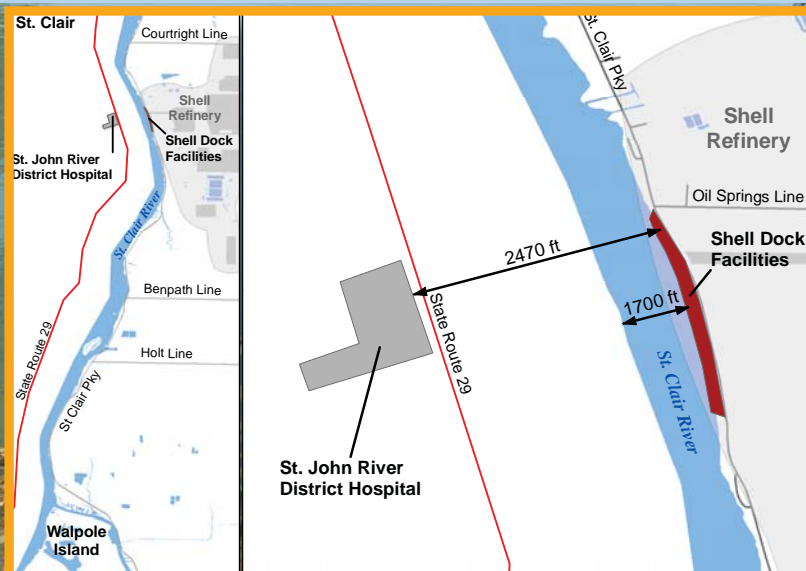
### Tar Sands Crude Oil Refinery Proposed for the St. Clair River

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 just south of St. Clair, Michigan and directly across the river from the St. John River District Hospital in East China, St. Clair County, Michigan.

Despite the fact that this project has been planned since 2006, no one at Shell Canada or within Ontario government

agencies thought to notify the people directly across the river or downstream in Michigan!

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

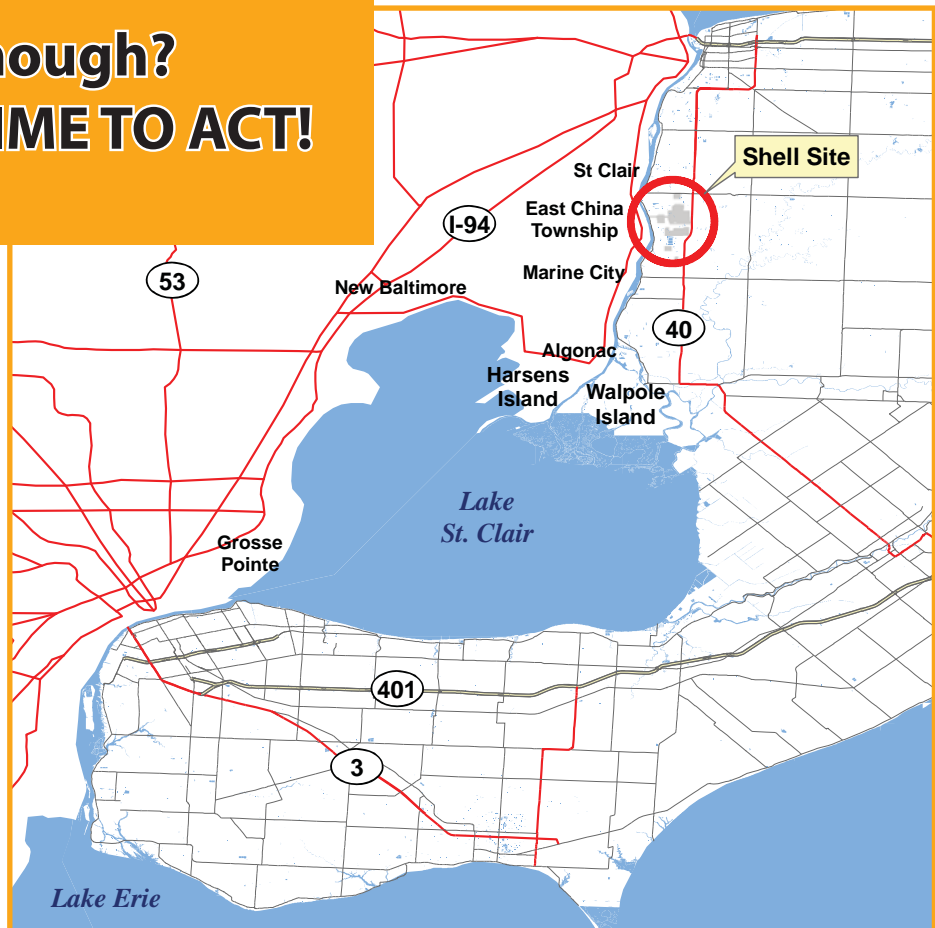


### As a result of this project:

- Ontario and Shell Canada will force neighbours in Michigan 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 a 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 several municipal drinking water intake systems in Michigan.
- Ontario and Shell Canada will jeopardize Michigan's nearby state wildlife areas, recreational fisheries, 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 Michigan fully represented on the panel that conducts the environmental assessment for the proposed mega-refinery project your river. On all correspondence, quote the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry reference number 08-03-27137 and the project title "Proposed Refinery Development (Courtright Site), Shell Canada Products."



## Take action before May 26, 2008!

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

### Transport Canada - Environment and Engineering

4900 Yonge Street, 4th Floor  
Toronto Ontario M2N 6A5  
Canada  
Tel: 416-952-0469 Fax: 416-952-0514

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

#### Prime Minister Stephen Harper

Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
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