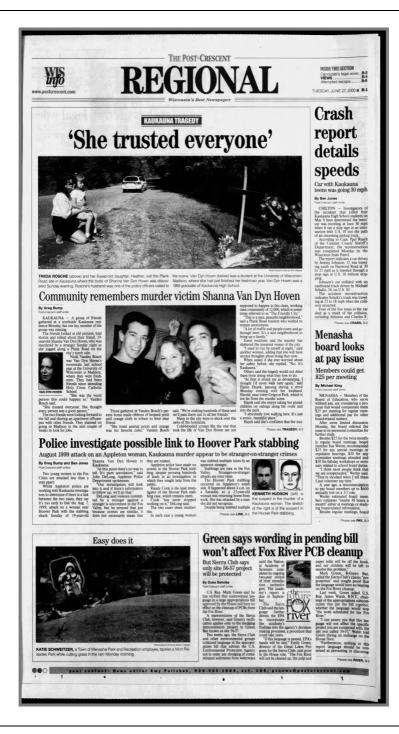
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RIVER: Green says PCB cleanup will continue

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ing a prompt settlement between the EPA and the paper companies

along the Fox River for cleanup of the PCBs."

Green said the report language in the bill, which is used to fund the EPA, has absolutely no force in law and serves only as a congressional recommendation to the EPA. He said the language also specifically exempts voluntary agreements like those currently governing the Fox River cleanup.

"Even if neither of those two points were true, the language only

refers to the EPA not ordering dredging until after a NAS study has been completed, which is due to happen in the next four months,"

Green said. "Any plan for cleaning up the Fox River won't be presented until after that time anyway.

Whichever way you look at it, this language is completely irrelevant to our situation, period."

Emily Green disagrees. She said Walsh's comments referred specifically to project 56-57 and not a comprehensive cleanup of

the Fox River.
"We are still very concerned this will hold up the rest of the cleanup," she said.

"The EPA feels very strongly that this language will tie their hands in respect to all sediment cleanups nationwide, including the Fox River, and I have no reason to doubt that.

Emily Green said the language was included in the bill at the request of industries responsible for sediment cleanups and would serve as a delaying tactic.

Mark Green and his staff dispute

The fact is this is not going to affect any cleanup of the Fox River," said Chris Tuttle, the congressman's press secretary. "If it were, we would be all over it."



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