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MIDLAND, Mich. (AP) — Federal and state officials say they're seeking public comment on a proposed deal with Dow Chemical Co. on designing a cleanup of dioxin contamination near a plant in Midland.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the state Department of Environmental Quality say the comment period begins Monday and runs through Nov. 17. A public meeting is set for Nov. 5 in Saginaw.

The EPA and DEQ will consider public comment before signing any agreement. More talks will be needed to determine how the cleanup will be done.

Dioxins are chemical byproducts suspected of causing cancer. Dioxins released from the Midland plant in the past century contaminated a 50-mile-long watershed, including the Tittabawassee and Saginaw rivers and Lake Huron's Saginaw Bay.

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