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Schwarz Announces $70,000 For Environmental Clean–up in Calhoun County

Oct. 26, 2001 – The Department of Environmental Quality's Environmental Response Division has allocated $70,000 in state funds to assist in the redevelopment of two environmentally contaminated sites in Battle Creek, Senator J.H. John Schwarz, M.D.,R-Battle Creek, announced today.

"These funds show Michigan's commitment to preserving and protecting our environment," said Schwarz.

The Shay Motors Property, located at 200 Elm Street, has been given $30,000 in state funds from the Clean Michigan Initiative Fund. An investigation of the property identified soil contaminated from past industrial use. The funding will enable laboratory analytical services to be performed in conjunction with current investigation.

State funding in the amount of $40,000 also has been allocated to the McLeieer Oil site, located at 252 Elm Street. Soil contamination has been identified on the site, from a several– hundred gallon oil release that occurred on the site in 1994. The allocated funds will be used to provide unanticipated laboratory services as well as soil and groundwater analysis to promote the redevelopment of the property.

"It is important that we clean-up contaminated sites and ready them for redevelopment,"added Schwarz.

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