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It's about time citizens take environmental matters in their own hands, says Dr. Michael Gilbertson. Agencies and laws such as the Environmental Protection Act are not protecting Canadians, he said. "The (legislative) system is broken and it is meant to be broken," said Gilbertson.

Common sentiment

His sentiment was common among speakers last night at a community meeting in Aamjiwnaang to hear details about Environmental Defence's "Polluted Children, A Toxin Nation" report.

"If everyone in this room called their MP and told them they were concerned, that would give them

reason to talk about it," said Minister of Environment and Heritage Jennifer Foulds of Environmental Defence.

Environmental Defence released last week a report on children, in some cases showing a concentration of toxins in their parents.

Of all the volunteers from the Sarnia area, the highest concentrations of chemical groups, including pesticides.

Sarnia Coun. Be said after the meeting that the problem of chemical pollution is not just a community issue, but a national one.

Consumer

There is the problem of chemicals here, she said,



Jana Neuman, Environmental Defence's "Polluted Children" report, addressed a crowd at a community meeting at Aamjiwnaang's Community Centre. Participants in a recent study.

ed at the request of Toronto-based Environmental Defence, which has been raising alarms about contamination of Canadian children.

Yesterday, the group released results showing that the bodies of seven children tested are contaminated by a gene, hormone disruptors and neurotoxins — in the bodies of the children tested.

The researchers tested 13 individuals from five families, six adults and seven children. The families live in Vancouver, Toronto, Sarnia, Montreal and Oshkosh, N.B. www.eds.ca