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Are you concerned about your child's development?

Are you curious to know your exposure to toxic chemicals?

A team from the University of Michigan, working closely with the Aamjiwnaang Health and Environment Committee, will be conducting a study at the Aamjiwnaang First Nation Reserve on weekends between January and April 2011 that includes free, confidential testing for these and other items.

The purpose of this study is to determine if Aamjiwnaang members (especially children) are being exposed to industrial chemicals, and if so, whether these chemicals may be affecting health.

You are invited to participate in this research project if you are a member of the Aamjiwnaang First Nation, live on the reserve, have a child aged 4-14, and both you and your child are available. To both you and your child, we will administer surveys, collect biological samples (i.e., urine, blood, hair, nails) and ecological samples (i.e., tap water, yard soil) to measure metals, and perform developmental tests. We anticipate that all activities can be completed in less than six hours over three visits (or less). A confidential, personalized, and interpreted report of the test results will be sent to you a few months following the study. Also, if you would like, we will schedule a follow-up meeting to discuss your results.

Participation is completely voluntary and free, and we will reimburse you with \$100 for your time. Your family will also be entered into a draw to win a Wii. Research results are confidential, and will only be presented publicly in a manner that protects the identity and privacy of individual study participants. We hope you will consider being a part of this important research project.

To register for an appointment or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Professor Niladri Basu at 734-764-9490 (email: niladri@umich.edu) or Dr. Fiona Miller at 734-615-2507 (email: millerfk@umich.edu). You may also contact the Aamjiwnaang Environmental Officer, Sharilyn Johnston, at 519-332-6770 (email: sjohnston@aamjiwnaang.ca).