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3. Community invited to clean up Thompson (Norwich Bulletin - April 19) In celebration of Earth Day, the Army Corps of Engineers will host a clean-up and projects day Saturday. Registration begins at 8 a.m., with projects running from 9 a.m. to noon. Lunch is noon to 1 p.m. To participate, bring work gloves and meet at the Overlook Shelter off West Thompson Road. For more information, call Michelle Dwyer at (860) 923-2982.
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Terminal project dredges up environmental fears

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The use of a CAD cell is not one of the EPA's concerns, which focus on the environmental impact to nearby wetlands and the flounder and quahog populations, O'Neil said.

"We are in favor of CAD cells at the moment," she said, adding that the level of PCBs — toxic polychlorinated biphenyls — in the area proposed for dredging falls below the level required for action by the EPA. "From our point of view, it would actually be cleaning up a portion of the river that wouldn't be cleaned up by EPA."

Before Lt. Gov. Tim Murray's visit last week, state officials met with local environmentalists, who are already fighting a different CAD cell proposal related to contaminated material in the lower harbor, where the level of PCBs is higher.

"We are very supportive of the (South Terminal) project. ... What we're against and why we go to these meetings is we want to prohibit the burying of PCBs in our harbor," said Karen Vilandry, vice president of the Hands Across the River Coalition. "You don't just cover over things. You properly dispose of them."

The harbor already contains three CAD cells from earlier navigational dredging projects, two of which remain completely uncapped, said Ed Anthes-Washburn, director of operations at the Harbor Development Commission. Plans for the South Terminal project include capping those cells, he said.

Piping polluted material to a de-watering facility and then shipping it to a PCB-licensed landfill, as Vilandry is calling for, would increase the project by 10 times, officials said. CAD cell disposal costs about $60 to $75 per cubic yard and the alternative would cost about $600 per cubic yard.

"The only way they will ever dredge is with a CAD cell," Anthes-Washburn said.

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