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Michigan Sugar announces launch of 2017 pond cleaning at Bay City facilities

BAY CITY – **Michigan Sugar Company** today advised Bay City residents that pond cleaning activities at the Bay City facility, beginning this week, may generate odors as organic matter is removed from ponds. Organic matter can contribute to odors from all sugarbeet facilities, and the annual cleaning process helps reduce odors in the long term.

“Michigan Sugar takes our commitment to the local community seriously and the new technologies we’ve added in the last year in Bay City to reduce odors complement our annual pond cleaning,” said **Ray VanDriessche**, community and government relations director for **Michigan Sugar**.

Throughout the last production season, Michigan Sugar operated a new state-of-the-art centrifuge system to reduce the amount of organic materials in the ponds.

Residents with questions about the cleaning process can contact Michigan Sugar Company’s community and government relations director, **Ray VanDriessche**, by calling 989-686-0161.

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