

## YELLOW JUG OLD DRUGS PROGRAM<sup>®</sup>

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### **Yellow Jug Old Drugs Program Collects 9220 Pounds of Unused/Unwanted Drugs.**

#### **Documentary Trailer/Preview Announced**

During the recent quarterly collection at participating pharmacies in Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin the Yellow Jug Old Drugs program collected 9220 lbs. of unused/unwanted drugs. Yellow Jug Old Drugs is a program that works in partnership with local pharmacies to collect and properly dispose of unwanted/unused drugs in a safe and approved manner to help keep our water clean. Individuals can dispose of unused/unwanted drugs free of charge at participating pharmacies. The program was started by Great Lakes Clean Water (GLCW), a non-profit organization in May 2009. A total of 32.7 tons of unused/unwanted drugs has been collected and properly disposed to date.

GLCW recently produced with funding from the Michigan DEQ a Documentary titled The Yellow Jug Old Drugs Program, *a solution to the emerging issue of pharmaceutical compounds in ground, surface and municipal water*. According to Chris Angel, President GLCW this is the first Documentary ever produced that looks at the potential environmental impact of improper disposal of pharmaceuticals. The Documentary will be broadcast on TV stations in the Fall 2013.

Trailer /Preview of the Documentary , is available for viewing at <https://www.youtube.com/user/GreatLakesCleanWater>

Angel stated, "This Documentary will be tremendously helpful in educating more people about the importance of proper disposal of unused/unwanted drugs." He added, "The Documentary will also highlight the positive impact that local pharmacies have had in proper collection of pharmaceuticals."

Program support is provided by local pharmacies, Michigan DEQ Michigan Community Pollution Prevention (P2) Grant Program for the development of ongoing household drug collection programs, United Water, Detroit Renewable Power, SSCENT, Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan, Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force, Gratiot County Solid Waste Authority, Ten Sixteen Recovery Network. To find a participating pharmacy in your area go to [www.greatlakescleanwater.org](http://www.greatlakescleanwater.org) or call 989-736-8179

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