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umberland Bay sludge bed studied

► Officials aren't sure whether to leave it alone or remove it

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PLATTSBURGH - PCB con-PLATTSBURGH — PCB con-tamination in the Cumberland but one of our main concerns was Bay sludge bed has not spread to how extensive the contamination

the states repairment of the said robert advards, project the midst of extensive research on how large the contamination is and where it could have come said robert advards, project the said robert advards to the said robert adv

Last year, officials gathered samples from throughout the bay, and those findings have shown no signs of contamination on the lake bottom other than the sludge bed.
The sludge bed covers a big-

other areas of the bay.

The state's Department of Environmental Conservation is in amanger for DEC.

the sludge bed) itself."

The bed is composed of wood pulp, wood chips and other pro-

He did say the PCBs were probably placed there when the sludge bed was being created several decades ago.

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pulp, wood chips and other pro-cessing wastes. State officials are trying to pinpoint the source of the debris, but Edwards said there has been no significant de-velopments in that research.

An extensive cleanup program to remove contaminated pulp from the local beaches began last spring. Workers took nearly 200 tons of debris from the area. They returned periodically An extensive cleanup program throughout the summer to remove debris that had washed

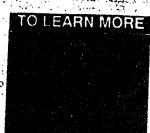
That work will continue this

action is taken, the cost for continued beach cleaning would about \$200,000 a year.

If the bed is removed, the cost could reach nearly \$18 million.

"It's a big project. No matter: They returned periodically throughout the aummer to remove dehria that had washed a look at the options and decide which way to go."

The main option is whether to But now officials will begin deciding what should be done with the sludge bed itself. If no about \$5.5 million more. off-site facility, which would cost about \$5.5 million more.



Remedial action probably would not begin until 1997. The cleanup is expected to take about

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Home seriously damaged



