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The Environment Report Wins 2010 National Edward R. Murrow Award

ANN ARBOR, Mich.— The Environment Report from Michigan Radio has been recognized for excellence in broadcast journalism by the Radio Television Digital News Association with a 2010 National Edward R. Murrow Award. The Environment Report received the award for Best Audio News Series in the Radio Network category for “[Dioxin Delays](#)”. In the five part series, The Environment Report's Shawn Allee investigated Dow Chemical and the on-going problem of dioxin contamination in mid-Michigan. The reports looked at who has been affected by the contamination, why it has taken so long to clean up, how dioxin research has affected the clean up, and what this case means for other polluted areas around of the country. The series was originally broadcast in November, 2009.

The Environment Report was the **only** radio news organization in Michigan to receive a 2010 National Edward R. Murrow Award. Among the other organizations competing in the Radio Network category were NPR, CBS Radio News, CNN and AP Radio News. This award is the second national Murrow Award that The Environment Report has received. The news service also received a National Murrow Award in 2002 for a report entitled “Mallard Ducks on the Decline.”

The Murrow Award recognizes the “best of the best”, and is considered one of the most prestigious awards in electronic journalism. In all, 59 news organizations across the country were selected to receive National Murrow awards.

The Radio Television Digital News Association (RTDNA) is the world's largest professional organization exclusively serving the electronic news profession, consisting of more than 3,000 news directors, news associates, educators and students. The RTDNA has been honoring outstanding achievements in electronic journalism with the Edward R. Murrow Awards since 1971. This year's National Murrow winners will be honored at the RTDNA Awards Dinner in October in New York.

The Environment Report is a news service committed to revealing the relationship between the natural world and the everyday lives of people. The Environment Report airs on Michigan Radio every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:55 am and 5:45 pm. Michigan Radio broadcasts at 91.7 FM in southeastern Michigan, 91.1 FM in Flint, and 104.1 FM in western Michigan.

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