



HARPETH RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

ACTION ALERT!

Protect the Harpeth River



STOP THE TOXINS FLOWING INTO THE HARPETH

You must attend the state's public hearing on **Thursday, August 7th at 6:30 p.m. at Franklin City Hall** and demand that Egyptian Lacquer clean up their pollution in downtown Franklin flowing everyday into the Harpeth and under people's homes.

Egyptian Lacquer (ELMCO) submitted another inadequate plan this June for the clean up of their hazardous contamination of the Harpeth and Liberty Creek. The revised Corrective Action Plan (CAP) once again **fails** to define where the pollution lies underground or offer an adequate action plan for stopping the ongoing flow of a toxic mixture of chemicals into waters of the state or has an active clean up for all of the contaminated soil and ground water they have created.

The spill contains several contaminants including toluene, acetone and benzene, a known carcinogen. The pollution continues and the company continues doing business daily with no fines or other penalties a year and a half after the state issued an order for ELMCO to create a clean up plan.



Chemicals seep into Liberty Creek and the Harpeth. Photo by M. Quarles.

An active clean up would remove chemical contamination as required by EPA guidelines.



Liberty Creek is dead- covered with putrid decomposing bacteria and algae.

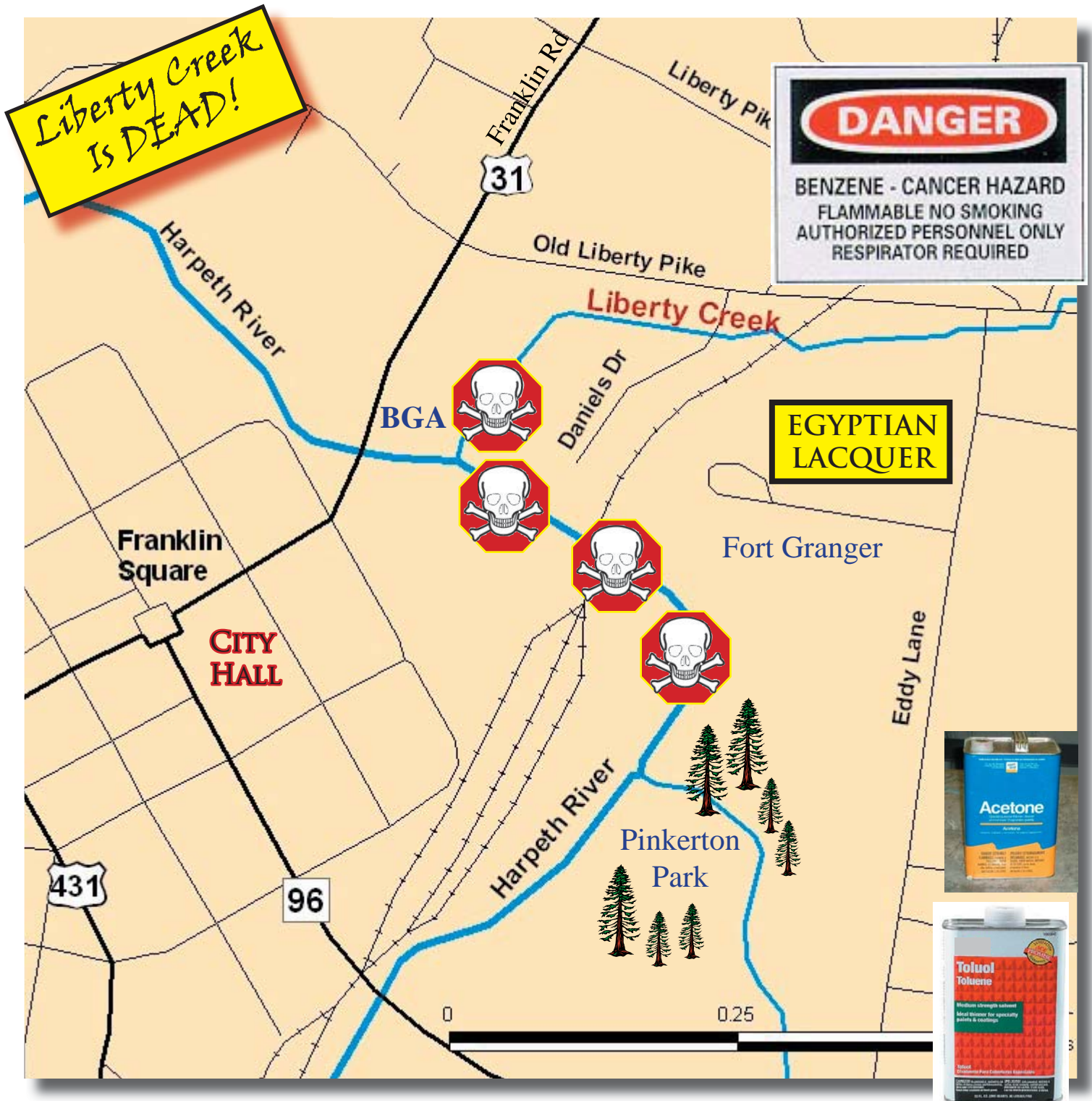
These releases are in violation of the Tennessee Water Quality Control Act and the Federal Clean Water Act, as well as federal laws governing the handling of hazardous materials such as RCRA and similar state laws.

The State has determined that sections of Liberty Creek are actually dead, covered in putrid decomposing bacteria and algae with no fish or wildlife surviving at all. This is directly behind Battle Ground Academy Lower School in downtown Franklin. Adequate studies have not been undertaken to make a determination that chronic effects are not an issue for humans or wildlife.

Please support HRWA's efforts to get a clean up plan underway and send your check today to SAVE THE LIBERTY CREEK FUND.

Written comments may be sent to TDEC Solid Waste Department by August 22 re: ELMCO CAP, 5th Floor, L & C Tower, 401 Church St., Nashville, TN 37243-1535 or email Ashley.A.Holt@state.tn.us.

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Sites of ongoing chemical seeps from Egyptian Lacquer into the Harpeth River and Liberty Creek.