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For Immediate Release

SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW – REVISED WARNING 3502 South Burdick

August 12, 2016, Kalamazoo, Michigan – The City of Kalamazoo Department of Public Services and Kalamazoo County Environmental Health and Community Services has revised the affected area of the sanitary sewer overflow of August 4, 2016. The revised area includes the portion of Portage Creek from the North end of the Monarch mill pond to Cork Street. The portion of Portage Creek from Reed Street to the Kalamazoo River has been cleared for human contact.

At this time, the City of Kalamazoo Department of Public Services in cooperation with the Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Department are advising all persons to avoid contact around the affected areas, which includes the North end of Monarch mill pond to Portage Creek – Cork Street. All surface water activities including swimming, wading, fishing, canoeing, and kayaking should cease. It is also recommended that all persons avoid these areas and keep pets and children away until the area is assessed and remediated. If contact with raw sewage is made, avoid spreading and tracking and clean and disinfect shoes, clothes, and skin thoroughly. This advisory will remain in effect until further investigation and sampling indicates that risk has been minimized. Additional information will be available after sampling results are received.

Please call the Department of Public Services at (269) 337-8768 or (269) 370-8715 with questions related to the release.

As required by law, Water Reclamation Plant personnel notified the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality at the Kalamazoo District Office and the Kalamazoo County Environmental Health and Community Services of the spill.

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