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## **Media Release**

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### **For Immediate Release**

### **SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW 5070 East N Avenue – Pavilion Township**

August 1, 2016, Kalamazoo, Michigan – The City of Kalamazoo Department of Public Services personnel were notified at 10:00 am of a sanitary sewer overflow from a broken force main located at 5070 East N Avenue.

The Department of Public Services Wastewater Division staff stopped the wastewater discharge at 1:00 pm on August 1, 2016. The amount of material discharged from the sanitary sewer break is estimated to be about 2,700 gallons. City crews are in the process of repairing the force main and normal flow conditions in the sanitary sewer will be restored by August 2, 2016. The impacted area has been remediated.

**Eastbound N Avenue at Sprinkle Road will be closed. Detour is posted.**

Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services advisory:

*If you were driving east on Kilgore Road (East N Avenue) from Sprinkle Road between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm (August 1, 2016) and you experienced driving through water on the roadway, the Kalamazoo Health & Community Services Department recommends that you wash your vehicle. If contact with raw sewage is made avoid spreading and tracking; clean and disinfect shoes, clothes, and skin thoroughly.*

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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