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PORTAGE CREEK & MONARCH MILL POND - HEALTH ADVISORY CANCELLED

3502 South Burdick Sanitary Sewer Overflow

August 19, 2016, Kalamazoo, Michigan – The City of Kalamazoo Department of Public Services in cooperation with the Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Department has cancelled the health advisory for the section of Portage Creek between the north end of the Monarch Mill Pond and Cork Street. The health advisory was issued on August 4, 2016 and was cancelled as of 9:00 am on August 19, 2016.

The Department of Public Services Wastewater Division staff sampled Portage Creek to better assess the impact of the sanitary sewer overflow from the 3502 South Burdick. The results of the monitoring were submitted to the Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Department which approved the cancellation of the health advisory.

At this time, all surface water activities including swimming, wading, fishing, canoeing, and kayaking may resume.

Please call the Department of Public Services at (269) 337-8768 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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