



Central Michigan District Health Department
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To: Local News Media

From: Central Michigan District Health Department

City of Mt. Pleasant Division of Public Works

RE: Public Health Alert/Press Release – Sanitary Sewer Overflow

Release Date: June 23, 2017

Sanitary Sewer Overflow into the Chippewa River

On June 23, 2017, untreated sewage began entering the Chippewa River at the City of Mt. Pleasant Wastewater Treatment Plant as a result of flooding in the area. At the time of this press release, this condition still exists.

Central Michigan District Health Department and City of Mt. Pleasant Division of Public Works officials are urging citizens to avoid any contact with the Chippewa River until further notice. Activities to avoid would include swimming, boating, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, or any activities which include physical contact with the Chippewa River. Testing will be conducted next week on the Chippewa River after flood waters recede to make sure the presence of E. coli is at safe levels for partial and full body contact.

If you have questions regarding the sanitary sewer overflow, please call the Mt. Pleasant Division of Public Works at (989) 779-5400.

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