



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 24, 2017**

### **Sanitary Sewer Overflow into the Chippewa River**

On June 23rd, untreated sewage began entering the Chippewa River at the City of Mt. Pleasant waste water treatment plant as a result of flooding in the area. Just after 7:00 A.M. today, June 24th, the wastewater treatment plant has been able to treat all incoming sewage before discharging to the river.

Central Michigan Health Department and City of Mount Pleasant officials continue to urge citizens to avoid any contact with the Chippewa River until further notice. Activities to avoid include swimming, boating, fishing, kayaking and any activities which include physical contact with the Chippewa River and the flooded areas around the Chippewa River.

Testing will be conducted next week on the Chippewa River after flood waters recede to make sure that the presence of e-coli is at safe levels for partial and full body contact.

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