

For Immediate Release:

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From: The Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency

Contact: Rebecca Burns, Director of Environmental Health 269-273-2161

RE: Termination of “No Contact” Health Advisory for the St. Joseph River downstream of the Broadway Street Bridge, Three Rivers, MI.

“No Contact” Health Advisory for St. Joseph River Ends

Update to 4/28/2010 Health Advisory -

The Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency *has cancelled* the Health Advisory of April 28, 2010 regarding body contact with the St. Joseph River downstream of the Broadway Street Bridge, Three Rivers, MI. The Health Advisory had been issued as a result of elevated fecal coliform counts in the treated sewage effluent being discharged into the St. Joseph River.

The Three Rivers Clean Water Plant has notified the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency of results of fecal coliform bacterial tests made of the river at the Broadway Street Bridge and at the Constantine Street Bridge. These sample results indicated that the fecal coliform bacteria level in the river *are now considered acceptable for body contact*. If you have any questions regarding matter please contact the Three Rivers office of the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency at 269-273-2161.

Previous information on this matter can be found at the Community Health Agency website, at

www.bhsj.org