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# PRESS RELEASE

**Coldwater, Michigan. July 22, 2014** – This press release is being issued jointly by the Coldwater Board of Public Utilities (CBPU) and the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency (CHA):

There was a power outage at the Coldwater Board of Public Utilities (CBPU) wastewater treatment facility on Monday July 21, 2014. The power outage caused untreated sewage influent to be discharged to the Sauk River from approximately 6:10 pm to 6:35 pm on that date. The CBPU has notified officials with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency (CHA).

The CBPU is sampling several points along and down river from the point of discharge. The results of the initial samples will be obtained on July 23, 2014. These results will be reported to the CHA. There is a possibility that the fecal coliform counts may be elevated for the next few days. During this time it is recommended that individuals avoid full body contact with the water in the area between the CBPU wastewater treatment facility and the Rotary Park public access.

Contact information for the Coldwater Board of Public Utilities is Ken Dey, Wastewater Superintendent, 517-278-4118.

Contact information for the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency is Rebecca Burns, Environmental Health Director, 517-279-9561 extension 0106#.