

Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**“No Contact” Health Advisory Issued
Sewage Discharge Advisory for Wetland Area between Oak and Logan Streets,
in Hillsdale, MI**

Hillsdale, MI. Officials of the City of Hillsdale’s Board of Public Utilities have notified the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency (CHA) today that a currently undetermined amount of untreated sewage has been discharged from a manhole into the wetland area that is located between Logan Street and Superior Street. This wetland drains past Logan Street toward Oak Street. The Hillsdale Bike Path goes through this wetland between Logan Street and Oak Street and individuals accessing the bike path are advised that a “No Contact” Health Advisory is in effect for the wetland until April 27, 2015. The bike path may continue to be used.

Action Taken. Persons are advised to avoid any body contact with the wetland along the Hillsdale bike path. The City’s BPU will be removing accumulated sewage with a vactor truck. Please note that numerous infectious diseases can occur in people when they come in contact with sewage discharges and this advisory has been issued as a precautionary measure to protect the public’s health.

Future Action. The CHA is currently notifying local newspapers, radio stations and providing information via the internet to get the word out to citizens as rapidly as possible about this advisory. The health agency will continue to monitor this situation until conditions return to normal.

The Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency offers additional information concerning waterborne illnesses on its website under the Quick Info About Health Topics button. Go to www.bhsj.org to learn more.

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