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Health Department Issues Water Advisory

The Calhoun County Public Health Department has issued a water advisory for residents directly affected by the Kalamazoo River Oil Spill. Residents affected include those with private wells living within 200 feet from the edge of the river bank between Tallmadge Creek (site of oil spill) west along the Kalamazoo River to the Kalamazoo County line.

Clearly identified Calhoun County Health Department and Michigan Department of Community Health officials and volunteers will personally visit affected homes to deliver water advisory notices.

Residents are advised to discontinue use of their residential water well for drinking and cooking. At this time, all other household uses are acceptable at this time.

At this time, no water sampling has indicated any groundwater contamination as a result of the oil spill. However, the Health Department, in unison with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment and the EPA is providing this recommendation regarding drinking water as a precautionary step until water samples are taken in the area of the oil spill to identify that the water is safe to drink.

Bottled water has been made available to affected residents. Affected residents will be given the locations when presented with their water advisory notice.

If you have any questions, please call (800)-306-6837.