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Residents Warned of Sewage Discharge in Papillion Creek Tributary

An undetermined amount of sewage has spilled into a creek in a Sanitary Improvement District near 177th and Burke Streets, according to the Douglas County Health Department.

“We’re asking everyone who lives downstream from this spill and anyone who lives along the West Papillion Creek to stay out of the water,” Health Director Dr. Adi Pour said. “The main concerns are parasites, bacteria and viruses from exposure to the untreated sewage water.”

In the meantime:

- The Health Department continues to monitor the spill.
- The spill has been contained and no more sewage is going into the creek.
- Repairs are expected to be done by the end of the week.

The Health Department received a call on Wednesday afternoon and identified that a broken sewer line was backing up into a manhole. SID #483 contacted a contractor to repair the damage. It may be possible to determine what caused the break after the repairs are made.

The spill is untreated sewage and is a potential health hazard. The creek, which has no name, generally has little or no water in it and usually provides storm water drainage. From the spill the creek runs north under West Dodge Road and then turns east into the West Papillion Creek. It then heads south where it joins the Papillion Creek and the Little Papillion Creek before emptying into the Missouri River.

There are about nine homes in SID #483, but some of them are under construction.

Recreation in creeks is not recommended because of the high possibility of contamination or pollution.

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