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Raw Sewage Discharge into Lake Leelanau Prompts Public Health Advisory

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is issuing a public health advisory following an equipment failure during routine maintenance that resulted in the release of raw sewage into Lake Leelanau at the Lake Leelanau DNR Boat Ramp East on East Bingham Road.

Cleanup crews are actively working at the scene to contain and minimize the spill. In response to the incident, the health department is advising residents and visitors to avoid any direct contact with surface water in the area surrounding the Lake Leelanau DNR Boat Ramp East until further notice.

Exposure to untreated sewage can pose serious health risks, including gastrointestinal illness and infections from pathogenic bacteria and viruses. Water sampling will be conducted to assess contamination levels. The advisory will remain in effect until testing confirms that the water meets public health safety standards.

“We are working closely with our local and state partners to monitor water conditions and will keep the public informed as more information becomes available,” said Dan Thorell, Health Officer for the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department.

Residents are encouraged to follow safety recommendations and stay informed by visiting www.bldhd.org and following the department on social media for updates.

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