

TO: Residents of River Walk Subdivision, Units 5 & 7, Port Barrington

FROM: McHenry County Department of Health

DATE: December 8, 2007

The McHenry County Department of Health is currently investigating a concern that the chemicals used for weed/algae control in the ponds in Riverwalk Subdivision may be impacting the private water wells in Units 5 & 7. Initial sampling by Department staff has confirmed the presence of Aqua Shade, a dye used to control aquatic plant growth, in five (5) of ten (10) residential wells that were sampled.

Until the potential impact on the water wells can be fully determined, this Department is recommending that residents in Units 5 & 7 of Riverwalk Subdivision do not use their water for consumption by animals or humans. Bottled water can be utilized for drinking and cooking purposes. This is a precautionary measure; no illness or negative health effects have been associated with consumption of the water at this time.

Department staff is working with multiple other agencies, including the Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and Illinois Geological and Water Surveys, in its investigation of this matter.

Department staff will be collecting additional water samples and information related to the investigation. Additional information will be shared with you as it becomes available.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact McHenry County Department of Health at 815-334-4585.

Cc: Village of Port Barrington
Riverwalk Property Owner's Association