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TO: Residents of River Walk Subdivision, Phases 3 & 4, and
North Circle Drive, Port Barrington

FROM: McHenry County Department of Health

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McHenry County Department of Health continues its investigation into the concern that the chemicals used for weed/algae control in the ponds in Riverwalk Subdivision may be impacting the private water wells in that area. As part of the investigation six (6) water samples have been collected in Phases 3 and 4 of Riverwalk Subdivision, and analyzed for the presence of Acid Blue Number 9, a dye used to control aquatic plant growth. One of the samples collected on Farnsworth Circle on December 21, 2007, was found to be positive for the presence of the dye. This is the first sample in Phases 3 & 4 to test positive for the dye. One (1) of two (2) samples collected on North Circle Drive have tested positive for the dye.

Until the potential impact on the water wells can be fully determined, this Department is recommending that residents in Units 3, 4, 5 & 7 of Riverwalk Subdivision, and the residents on North Circle Drive 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 continues to work 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. Additional information will be shared with you as it becomes available. Please also visit the Department's webpage at www.mcdh.info for updated information.

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