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Health Unit Alerts Community of Raw Sewage Spill in Lakefield

***Rogers Cove and Beavermead Park Beaches Posted; Residents
Downstream from Lakefield Advised Not to Consume Water from
Otonabee River***

Sunday, June 20, 2010, Peterborough

Due to a malfunction in one of the pumps at the Lakefield Sewage Treatment Plant yesterday evening (Saturday, June 19), raw sewage was spilled into the Otonabee River between 9 p.m. and 4 a.m. the following morning.

To protect the public, the Peterborough County-City Health Unit has posted both beaches at Rogers Cove and Beavermead Park until further notice and is advising local residents not to swim in the Otonabee River downstream from the Lakefield Sewage Treatment Plant. Residents are also advised not to consume untreated water taken directly from the Otonabee River. Treated water from the municipal water supply in Peterborough is safe to drink and is being closely monitored following this event.

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