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### Warning and Update for Area Residents near Garfield and Sharkey Road

An early morning vehicle accident occurred on Garfield road resulting in the spill of road striping paint, from a service truck, into a small stream and a private pond off Sharkey Road. Approximately 1300 gallons of paint was spilled at this location.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Environmental Protection Agency, area police and fire, Grand Traverse County Emergency Management, and the Grand Traverse County Health Department's Environmental Health Division responded to the spill. Cleanup and mitigation efforts began shortly after the incident occurred and will continue. Due to the toxicity of the spilled paint, a warning to avoid contact with the affected surface water has been issued to nearby residents registered with the CodeRED emergency notification system and through individual visits to available property owners.

There is not an immediate threat to drinking water as known wells in the area are over 160 feet deep and are protected from surface contamination. In addition, this stream is not a tributary to the Boardman River.

Any questions regarding wells or drinking water should be directed to the Grand Traverse County Health Department's Environmental Health Division at 231-995-6051.

Questions regarding the stream cleanup efforts or the effect of the spill on aquatic life, please contact Jake Riley with the Water Resources Division of the Michigan DEQ at 231-429-3159.

To register for the CodeRED emergency notification system, please visit:  
<http://www.gtchd.org/288/CodeRED>

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