

News Release

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WATER ADVISORY

<https://www.algomapublichealth.com/news/update-lifted-water-advisory-for-users-of-the-st-marys-river/>

As of June 21st, 2022, Algoma Public Health is lifting the current water advisory for all users of the St. Mary's River. This advisory was a response to a June 9th oil spill that impacted residents East of Algoma Steel and Great Lakes Power. This advisory did not affect Sault Ste. Marie's municipal drinking water system.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) has confirmed that all remediation activities have concluded, with no visible sheen being present on the river. Sampling does not indicate any current risk resulting from the oil spill.

Recreational use of the St. Mary's River (i.e., fishing, swimming, boating) can resume, however users should not drink or come into contact with the water if a noticeable sheen is present. It is recommended that you continue to monitor your shoreline at your property. To report a concern, please contact MECP - Spills Action Centre at [1-800-268-6060](tel:1-800-268-6060).

If you are a well water user with a well within 50 ft from the shoreline of St. Mary's River and have questions regarding your well water, please call Algoma Public Health directly to speak with a public health inspector at [705-759-5286](tel:705-759-5286).