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Stream Advisory for Mill Creek Amended

TOPEKA – The Stream Advisory the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) issued for Mill Creek downstream of Hwy 15 near Morrowville and the Little Blue River downstream of Hanover, remains in effect for uses such as swimming and boating. The public and landowners are advised to avoid extensive contact with the water until monitoring indicates conditions are safe. Pets and livestock access to those waterways should continue to be restricted.

The Stream Advisory for Mill Creek continues to be issued because of high pathogens, including E. coli bacteria which is currently being investigated.

Water-borne pathogens can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, rashes, infections and other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, the elderly and people with severely compromised immune systems.

The stream advisory is in effect until monitoring indicates conditions are safe. KDHE will continue monitoring and sampling the creeks and update the public when the advisory is lifted.

Update: Uses such as fishing are allowed. Avoid full immersion or ingestion of water, and wash with clean water after any contact. Clean fish well with potable water and eat fillet portion only.

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