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Health Update for the Hi Crush Mine Spill on May 21, 2018

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The Trempealeau County Government (multiple levels and departments) has been working with multiple agencies at the state of Wisconsin (including the DNR and Department of Health Services) to evaluate health risks related to the spill from the Hi Crush Sand Mine on May 21, 2018. Testing for toxins requires a consolidated effort with government agencies to both collect samples, test those samples and evaluate the results of testing. Some testing requires upwards of two weeks. Sample collection and testing is ongoing for both water and sediment.

The following information was relayed by the Wisconsin Division of Public Health to update you on what we know at this time.

Current information indicates that the water in the Trempealeau River does not pose an immediate health risk. Work is continuing to determine the potential for health risks associated with the Hi-Crush Sand Mine spill. People should avoid swallowing contaminated sediments by taking these precautions:

- Avoid areas that have orange sandy material, as they might be contaminated.
- Wash after wading or swimming.
- Watch children closely to make sure they do not eat any sand or sediment from the river.

When final results are available, we will be able to better assess whether there are any ongoing health concerns.

Trempealeau County Government will continue to post updates as reliable information becomes available from our partners in state Government.

Sincerely,

Director/Health Officer
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