

DHD#10 ADVISES RESIDENTS TO AVOID DIESEL FUEL SHEEN IN LAKE MICHIGAN

United States Coast Guard and local agencies responding to diesel spill near Manistee

August 3, 2023 – District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) and additional local agencies are advising residents to avoid skin contact with surface water in the area of 5th Ave Beach in the city of Manistee, due to the diesel fuel spill in Lake Michigan from the M/V Manitowoc.

Matt Fournier, DHD#10 Environmental Health Supervisor stated, “Residents are advised to avoid body contact with surface water along the shoreline in Manistee County, if they observe the presence of any diesel fuel contamination.”

Diesel is a potentially hazardous material that can present significant health impacts with prolonged exposure. DHD#10 and local agencies are requesting that residents avoid areas that may have diesel contamination and to not attempt to rescue injured wildlife. Instead, residents are asked to report any confirmed sightings or contact of diesel fuel on the shoreline by calling (231) 723-6241.

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