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August 9, 2018: Daily Update on the Parchment Water Response

KALAMAZOO, MI— The Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department will provide a news release each day at 4:00 p.m. for the community with the latest information, and report on the daily activities surrounding the Parchment Water Response.

City of Kalamazoo, Public Services

The first of the three permanent water stations is set to be operational by Monday, August 13. The City of Kalamazoo has begun and is now focused on the second construction site at Park and Orient. The meter and valve vault will be set Friday, the construction duration at the Park site is estimated to take seven to 10 days. G Avenue is now open to traffic. Water quality testing continues daily. Residents should still use an alternative water source, like bottled water, as the water advisory has not been lifted.

A boil water advisory for five (5) households is in effect for City of Kalamazoo residents as construction continues to connect residents on the City of Parchment water supply system to the City of Kalamazoo's water supply system. This is a standard operating procedure for all infrastructure construction projects. Those residents impacted were notified by the City of Kalamazoo and will be in effect for 72 hours. As construction progresses, additional residents will be notified, as is standard for infrastructure construction. Below is the boil water advisory released today to the five (5) households:

BOIL WATER ADVISORY New Water Infrastructure Installation Park Avenue

The City of Kalamazoo is in the process of installing new water infrastructure near the intersection of Park Avenue and S. Orient Street, City of Kalamazoo. The work will result in a temporary loss of pressure starting approximately 9:00 a.m. Friday, August 10. Consequently, a precautionary boil water advisory is being issued in cooperation with the Kalamazoo County Health and Community

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Services Department for all water intended for drinking or ingestion or any consumptive uses within the affected area, including:

Park Avenue – From S. Orient Street (western boundary) to Virginia Avenue (eastern boundary), both sides of street;

Glendale Blvd. – Southeast corner of Glendale Blvd. and S. Orient Street

This advisory is precautionary only; there have not been any confirmed tests showing bacteria present in the water main at the location of the infrastructure repair. Initial sampling results will be available within 24 hours of its collection and the final set within 48 hours. It is expected that the advisory will be lifted within 72 hours (August 13).

Municipal water customers in the affected area may use bottled water for consumptive purposes or boil their tap water for 2 minutes prior to use for drinking or other ingestion. No special precautionary measures are necessary for water used for personal hygiene.

The City of Kalamazoo would like to remind residents of Parchment and Cooper Township to flush their home water system if they have not already done so. For questions regarding how to properly flush your home or for assistance in flushing, please call: 269-337-8756. The City of Kalamazoo has crews available to assist residents in flushing their home system. Residents with a private water well do not need to flush their home or business.

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Testing: Private Residential Water Wells

Since Saturday, July 28, the DEQ has worked in the community to test private residential drinking water wells. To date, they have collected samples from 106 residential wells and 1 irrigation well. For those not at home, a door hanger was left explaining DEQ's desire to obtain samples from their private water supply. For those residents where a hanger was left, the DEQ is requesting to please get in touch with them right away at 1-800-662-9278, so they can sample your private water well.

Testing: City of Parchment Water Supply & City of Kalamazoo Water

The DEQ collected five (5) samples each day, Monday, July 30-Thursday, August 2, of the City of Kalamazoo water at different locations within the City of Parchment water supply system. The DEQ will continue collecting five (5) samples each day this week starting on Monday, August 6 through Thursday, August 9. The DEQ is checking to ensure the City of Kalamazoo water is below the EPA's lifetime health advisory level of 70 ppt when it is in the City of Parchment's water supply system. Results are anticipated to be received next week.

Testing: Surface Water

The DEQ collected thirty-six (36) samples of surface water on Monday, August 6 and Tuesday, August 7 from the Kalamazoo River upstream and downstream of Parchment including several samples collected in the immediate vicinity of Parchment and the former Crown Vantage Paper property. Testing results are expected to arrive starting next week.

Water Distribution

The water distribution times for this week are 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Weekend hours will remain Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Hours include water delivery services. Residents are asked to verify their address when they pick-up their water supply. Please be advised that during instances of severe weather the Water Distribution Center at Parchment High School may experience shut-down hours.

On-site recycling at Parchment High School is available for residents to return used water bottles.

On 8/8/18, 1,512 cases* of water were distributed.

*The cases reported will increase due to the pack amounts changing. Previously one (1) 40-pack case was given out per household. Now, each household receives two (2) 24-pack cases.

Parchment Water Hotline (269-373-5346)

The Parchment Water Hotline will transition to weekday hours only from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be no weekend hours starting this weekend.

The hotline responded to 24 phone calls on Wednesday, August 8 with an average of 2.67 calls per hour.

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