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August 13, 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

City of Kalamazoo Department of Public Services continues with the construction of the Park at Orient water station. The water station at G Ave is operational, and G Ave is currently open to traffic and will remain so until further notice. Additional site restoration and street restoration will take place at a later date to meet property owner and Road Commission of Kalamazoo County standards.

The boil water advisory for five (5) households related to construction at Park Avenue has been lifted:

LIFTING OF THE PRECAUTIONARY BOIL WATER ADVISORY Water Infrastructure Installation Park Avenue

August 12, 2018, Kalamazoo, MI – As of Sunday, August 12, 2018, at 1:30 p.m., the precautionary boil water advisory issued August 9, effective August 10, 2018, has been lifted by the City of Kalamazoo, in cooperation with the Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Department. Citizens in the affected area can now use City water for consumption as well as all other purposes. Bacteriological sampling within the affected area verified that the water is safe to drink. The affected area is as follows:
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.

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The understanding and cooperation of affected residents, businesses and institutions is much appreciated.

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, DEQ has collected samples from 115 private residential wells and one (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.

Results have been received for 102 drinking water wells, and DEQ is evaluating those results. To protect the privacy of the residents whose wells have been tested, results of private residential wells will not be released to the public. Residents with their own private water wells are being notified as results are received with the levels found in their wells and public health recommendations. The next steps after you receive your results will be dependent on the results. The Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department will work directly with the resident to explain the results and next steps. Residents are advised to continue to use bottled water until they discuss their private well results with the Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department staff.

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

The DEQ is awaiting results 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.

Water Distribution

Water Distribution times will continue this week from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Parchment High School. Residents are asked to verify their address when they pick-up their water supply.

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

On 08/12/18 559 cases of water were distributed.

Parchment Water Hotline (269-373-5346)

The Parchment Water Hotline has transitioned to weekday hours only from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

On Friday, August 10, the Parchment Water Hotline responded to 32 calls with an average of 3.5 calls an hour.

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