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Clarification on the Expanding Investigation Area in Richland Township for PFAS in Residential Water Wells

KALAMAZOO, MI— The Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department released information August 13, 2018, that the investigation area within Richland Township for PFAS in residential water wells was expanding to include additional residents. The total number of residents included in this expanding investigation area is twenty-six (26). A map of the expanding investigation area is included.

Beginning this week, the twenty-six (26) residents within the expanded investigation area will receive a letter in the mail indicating the desire of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to test their residential water well and the date of sampling. If a resident is not home on the date of sampling, a door hanger will be left with a number that the resident needs to call.

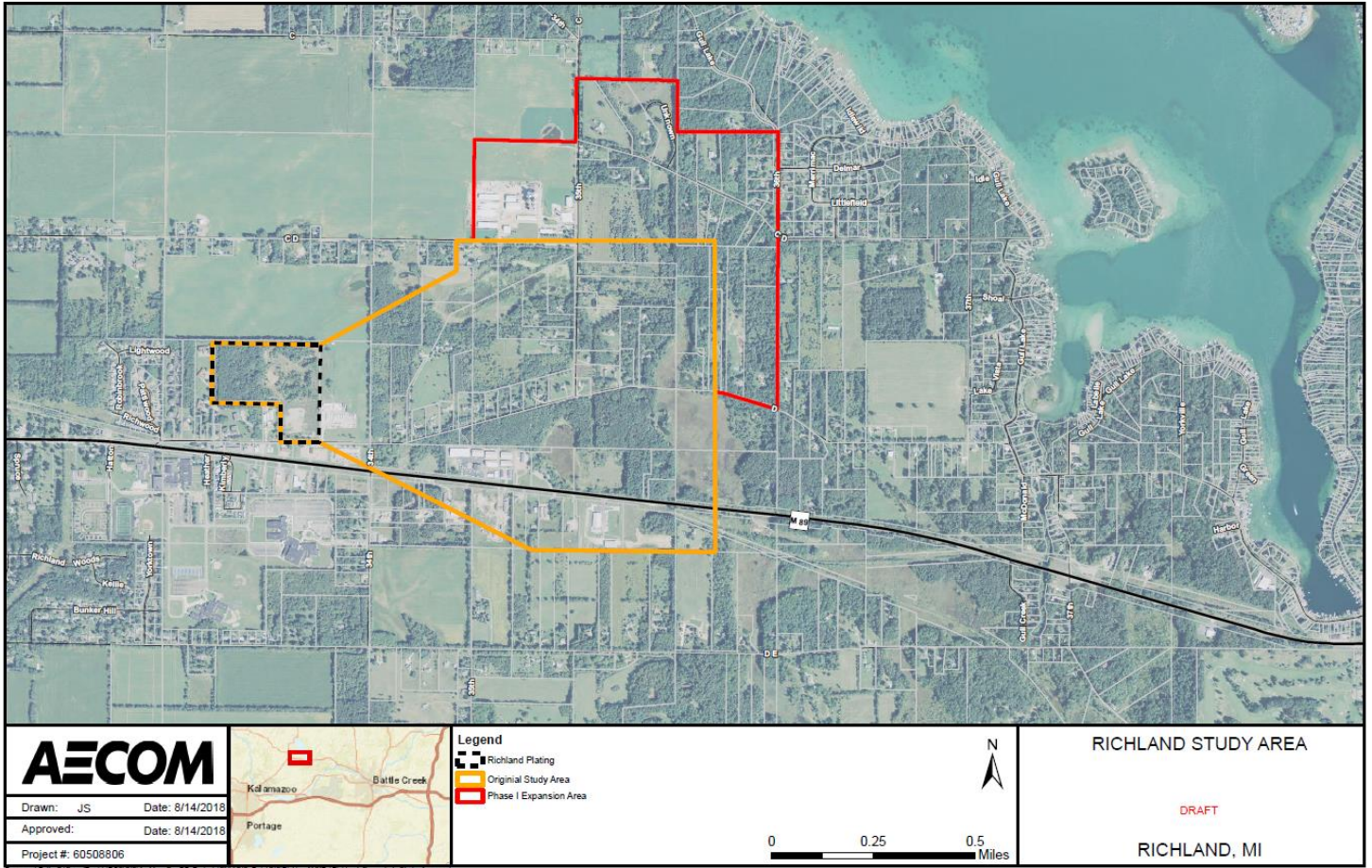
The MDEQ and their contractor, AECOM, are the only ones authorized to collect samples from resident's private water wells. These individuals can be identified by their respective badges. Anyone representing themselves from the MDEQ or AECOM should have their badge visible at all times, and residents should ask to see it.

The MDEQ is expanding the investigation area to better understand the direction of flow of the PFAS contaminant and the size of the plume that was found in earlier tests within the initial investigation area. During this time, residents may still use their private water well. If tested, residents will be notified of the results and the next steps by staff from the Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department. Test results are expected to be received within one month of sampling.

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