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September 20, 2018: Weekly Update on the PFAS Water Response

KALAMAZOO, MI — A weekly news release will be sent on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. with the latest information surrounding all PFAS-related activities occurring within Kalamazoo County. Residents can also follow www.facebook.com/KalamazooCountyHCS/ or visit www.kalcountry.com/hcs/pfasresponse.php.

Parchment/Cooper Township:

The Michigan Department of Health & Human Services has delivered educational materials regarding PFAS to all public libraries in the area. These materials include the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) documents relating to PFAS.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is working to determine the most beneficial areas to set up monitor wells for a hydrogeological study. The purpose of this study is to help determine the scope of the affected area, how the contamination levels change over time, and the directional flow of the groundwater. The hydrogeological study allows for a broader understanding of the contamination than can be provided from testing residential wells alone. The study is set to begin once the MDEQ is able to access and install monitor wells in the area.

Residents in Parchment City that have not flushed their system must do so before they start using their water again. Home Flushing Instructions can be found here www.kalcountry.com/hcs/pfasresponse.php, under the Contact & More Information Section.

Residents with questions or concerns about PFAS can call the Kalamazoo County Environmental Health Unit at 269-373-5210. If your questions relate to canning or vegetables gardens, please read the Frequently Asked Questions from the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (MDARD) website for current information, https://www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse/0,9038,7-365-86704_86710---,00.html

Richland

To date 62 homes in Richland Township have been sampled and 62 results have been received. The results are as follows:

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Number of Wells Sampled:	62 (as of 8/20/18)
Results Received:	62 (as of 8/30/18)
# of Results ND	36
# of Results between ND and Standard of 70 ppt	13
# of Results above Standard of 70 ppt	13

Residents with results above the standard of 70 ppt have received a filter. MDEQ started the planning for a hydrogeological study of groundwater in Richland Township. The purpose of this study is to help determine the scope of the affected area, how the contamination levels change over time, and the directional flow of the groundwater. The hydrogeological study allows for a broader understanding of the contamination than can be provided from testing residential wells alone. The study could take several months to complete.

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