November 29, 2018: Weekly Update on Kalamazoo County Water Quality

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

**Parchment/Cooper Township:**
On Nov. 27, representatives from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services began a door-to-door outreach effort to home owners within The City of Parchment with known or possible lead service lines. Residents are being provided with water filters certified to reduce lead in water and information about lead. Information was also left with the owner regarding lead testing opportunities, cleaning home faucet aerators that can trap lead particulates, information to reduce lead exposures and healthy eating tips.

The door-to-door outreach is part of an effort to reduce potential lead exposure from aging infrastructure. It follows announcements via the media and social media and a letter sent in October to residents with known or possible lead service lines.

Homeowners are also being offered the opportunity for lead water testing for through the City of Parchment. Residents can call the City of Parchment at 269-349-3785 or the City of Kalamazoo at 269-337-8550 to have their water tested and to receive a filter. For questions about installing the filter, residents should call 269-337-8550.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) continues to oversee the Hydrogeologic Investigation being done by Georgia Pacific and Tetra Tech. The first phase is being conducted in public rights-of-way or accessible public property. Additional phases will be conducted on private properties as access to those properties is obtained.

Please refer to prior press releases for a complete listing of ongoing activities.
Richland
The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has continues field work for the Remedial Investigation in Richland with the installation of monitoring wells. The map below outlines the study area, previous residential well sampling results, and monitor well sites.

Please refer to prior press releases for a complete listing of ongoing activities.

Alamo Township
For more information on Dioxins and the Allegan County response, please visit the Allegan County Health Department Website:
http://cms.allegancounty.org/sites/Office/Health/EH/GI/SitePages/Otsego.aspx#.W9tZFvkrK70

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