December 20, 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:**
The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) continues to oversee the Hydrogeologic Investigation being done by Georgia Pacific and Tetra Tech. MDEQ and Tetra Tech have completed collecting samples for the first set of monitor wells installed. Sampling results will be provided through this press release as they come in. The installation of the remaining proposed monitor wells continues.

Below is a map detailing all testing locations and results to date in the City of Parchment and Cooper Township. Also included in the map are currently proposed monitor well locations and surface water testing locations.

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 320 home owners within The City of Parchment with known or possible lead service lines. 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. For those residents unable to be contacted by letter or door-to-door efforts, a door hanger was left behind with instructions to contact the City of Kalamazoo for lead water testing and a lead filter.

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 for lead and to receive a filter. For questions about installing the filter, residents should call 269-337-8550.
Richland
The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) continues field work for the Remedial Investigation in Richland with the installation of monitoring wells. MDEQ has expanded the Remedial Investigation study area to include DE Ave starting at 35th St and expanding a mile east. Monitor wells are currently being installed along this area. To date 18 of the residential wells along DE Ave have been sampled and are awaiting results. Out of an abundance of caution all residents in the expanded study area have been offered PFAS filters and to date 18 filters have been distributed. Drilling and sampling will be postponed during the holidays and will resume January 7.

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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