February 7, 2019: 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 into PFAS contamination of groundwater. MDEQ and Tetra Tech have begun phase two of the PFAS study including the continued installation of monitor wells and well sampling. Phase I PFAS sampling results have now all been received and are currently being reviewed. Additional information will be provided in next week’s press release with more details regarding the PFAS results and what they mean at this point. Attached are some maps with the preliminary results from the Phase I sampling.
Additionally, regarding lead testing, 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 lead filter. For questions about installing the lead filter, residents should call 269-337-8550.
Richland
The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) continues Remedial Investigation monitoring well installation activities in the Study Area. MDEQ, working with its consultant has developed a work plan for additional surface water, irrigation well and residential well sampling activities. MDEQ plans to begin the residential well sampling activities in the expanded study area south of DE Ave within the next 1 to 2 weeks. Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department have provided notification to these residents of the sampling, and out of an abundance of caution, all residents in the expanded residential water well program area and buffer zone have been offered PFAS filters.