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August 6, 2018: Daily Update on the Parchment Water Response

KALAMAZOO, MI— The Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department will provide a news release each day at 4:00 p.m. for the community with the latest information, and report on the daily activities surrounding the Parchment Water Response.

Water Distribution

The water distribution times for this week, Monday-Friday, will be 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Hours include water delivery services. Due to the possibility of Thunderstorms, the Water Distribution Center at Parchment High School may experience shut-down hours. As long as there is no lightning in the area, Water Distribution will remain open and operational. Residents are asked to verify their address when they pick-up their water supply.

On-site recycling at Parchment High School is available for residents to return used water bottles.

On 8/5/18, 513 cases of water were distributed. Another delivery of 1,512 cases of water was received on Monday, August 6.

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The first of the three permanent water stations is expected to be operational Wednesday or Thursday of this week. Construction on the second permanent water stations is expected to begin later this week. Water quality testing continues daily.

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Testing: Private Residential Water Wells

All Parchment Schools have had their water flushed and subsequently sampled. Those results are expected to be received later this week.

Since Saturday, July 28, the DEQ has worked in the community to test private residential drinking water wells. To date, they have collected samples from 99 wells. For those not at home, a door hanger was left explaining

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DEQ's desire to obtain samples from their private water supply. As of Monday, August 6, thirteen (13) residents who received a door hanger had not called the DEQ. The DEQ is requesting those residents to please get in touch with them right away at 1-800-662-9278, so they can sample your private water well.

Residents with their own private water well will be notified once results are received. The next steps after you receive your results will be dependent on the results. The Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department will work directly with you to explain the results and your next steps. Residents are advised to continue to use bottled water until they discuss their private well results with the Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department staff.

Parchment Water Hotline (269-373-5346)

The Parchment Water Hotline is still operational for residents to call with questions or concerns. Staff from the Health & Community Services Department are on the phones from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

The hotline responded to 22 phone calls on Sunday, August 5 with an average of 3 calls per hour.

Calls are mostly for bottled water delivery services, flushing guidance, and request for the DEQ to test private water wells.

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