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August 14, 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.

Municipal Water Testing Update

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services continue to test and analyze the water flowing through the Parchment municipal water system. While good progress is being made, the Do Not Drink order remains in place for Parchment and Cooper Township homes and businesses connected to the municipal water system. Testing continues for PFAS in addition to other water quality indicators prompted by the change to the Kalamazoo water supply. The emergency response system is working as intended by Gov. Rick Snyder's order to ensure that drinking water not only meets but exceeds state and federal standards. The delay in lifting this order is being done out of an abundance of caution with a focus on protecting public health. The next round of testing results is due to be completed and analyzed on Monday, Aug. 20. Further updates will be provided next week regarding testing results, as well as information on when the Do Not Drink order could be lifted for Parchment and Cooper Township municipal water customers.

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Testing: Private Residential Water Wells

To date, DEQ has collected samples from 115 private residential wells and one (1) irrigation well. Results have been received for 102 drinking water wells, and DEQ is evaluating those results.

To protect the privacy of the residents whose wells have been tested, results of private residential wells will not be released to the public. Residents with their own private water wells are being notified as results are received with the levels found in their wells and public health recommendations. 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 the resident to explain the results and next steps. Residents are advised to

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continue to use bottled water until they discuss their private well results with the Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department staff.

City of Kalamazoo, Public Services

City of Kalamazoo Department of Public Services continues with the construction of the Park at Orient water station. The water station at G Ave is operational, and G Ave is currently open to traffic and will remain so until further notice. Additional site restoration and street restoration will take place at a later date to meet property owner and Road Commission of Kalamazoo County standards.

Water Distribution

Water Distribution times will continue this week from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Parchment High School. 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 08/13/18 1,164 cases of water were distributed.

Parchment Water Hotline (269-373-5346)

The Parchment Water Hotline has transitioned to weekday hours only from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

On Monday, August 13, the Parchment Water Hotline responded to 46 calls with an average of 5 calls an hour.

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