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## **August 20, 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 Update**

The Do Not Drink order remains in place for Parchment and Cooper Township homes and businesses connected to the municipal water system. The next round of testing is expected to be completed today and we will provide an update as soon as the results are analyzed. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and City of Kalamazoo Public Services continue to test and analyze the Parchment municipal water system. They are carrying out a thorough due diligence process to ensure public health is protected. Concerning the Do Not Drink order being lifted, there is no specific timeline established for lifting the order, as that decision will be driven by science and not made arbitrarily.

### **Residential Water**

To date, the DEQ has sampled 144 residential wells and 3 irrigation wells. Results have been received for 101 residential wells and 1 irrigation well. The Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Department has contacted those individuals about their results. The DEQ continues to evaluate these results. The DEQ has compiled a list of requests from residents outside of the area of concern. At this time the DEQ will continue to focus on the wells inside of the area of concern. Those residents who choose to have their water tested by an entity other than the DEQ are strongly encouraged to assure that said entity uses proper protocols to collect and test those samples.

- For details on residential well testing by the State of Michigan, you can contact the DEQ Environmental Assistance Center at 800-662-9278. The EPA has a list of laboratories approved under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule Round 3 program using EPA Method 537 for PFAS testing: [www.epa.gov/dwucmr/third-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule](http://www.epa.gov/dwucmr/third-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule).

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## **HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Parchment Water Hotline: 269.373.5346

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- The Department of Defense Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program maintains a list of labs for PFAS testing in materials other than drinking water at [www.denix.osd.mil/edgw/accreditation/accreditedlabs](http://www.denix.osd.mil/edgw/accreditation/accreditedlabs).

Each laboratory has their own fee schedule. The State of Michigan does not endorse these labs. Additionally, the capacity of any laboratories to provide services consistent with the DEQ recommendations has not been verified, and these details should be addressed prior to contracting with any laboratory.

### **City of Kalamazoo, Public Services**

The completion of the Park Avenue water station remains on schedule to be operational Tuesday, August 21. The City of Kalamazoo is currently in the process of constructing the third and final permanent water station located on Spanish Road. There is a Boil-Water Advisory in effect for five (5) homes in the area:

### **BOIL WATER ADVISORY New Water Infrastructure Installation Spanish Road**

City of Kalamazoo, *August 20, 2018* – The City of Kalamazoo is in the process of installing new water infrastructure on Spanish Road, City of Kalamazoo. The work will result in a temporary loss of pressure starting at approximately 12:00 p.m. (noon), Monday, August 20. Consequently, a precautionary boil water advisory is being issued in cooperation with the Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Department for all water intended for drinking or ingestion or any consumptive uses within the affected area, including:

Spanish Road – Between Parkdale Blvd (western boundary) and Virginia Avenue (eastern boundary), both sides of street.

This advisory is precautionary only; there have not been any confirmed tests showing bacteria present in the water main at the location of the infrastructure repair. Initial sampling results will be available within 24 hours of its collection and the final set within 48 hours. It is expected that the advisory will be lifted within 72 hours (August 23).

Municipal water customers in the affected area may use bottled water for consumptive purposes or boil their tap water for 2 minutes prior to use for drinking or other ingestion. No special precautionary measures are necessary for water used for personal hygiene.

### **Water Distribution**

The Water Distribution Center reopened on Saturday, August 18 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Haven Reformed Church (5350 N. Sprinkle Rd. Kalamazoo, MI 49004). New dates and hours moving forward will be Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Haven Reformed Church. Residents can pick up additional cases of water due to the reduction of days open. Residents are asked to verify their address when they pick-up their water supply. On-site recycling at Haven Reformed Church is available for residents to return used water bottles.

On 8/18/18, 1,736 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.

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