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July 29, 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.

State of Disaster Declared

This morning Lt. Gov. Brian Calley declared a state of disaster for Kalamazoo County due to the ongoing health and safety concerns of the per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) contamination in the drinking water for the City of Parchment and Cooper Township. By declaring a disaster, Calley has made available all state resources in cooperation with local response and recovery operations.

“This declaration will allow the state to supply additional resources to help with response efforts and ensure the health and safety of residents in Parchment and Cooper Township,” Calley said. “State and local officials and members of the community have been working in full partnership to ensure people in the area have safe water in the short, medium and long-term.

All local authorities involved will continue to work on the Parchment Water Response, but will now have State resources and support available to them.

Water Distribution

The distribution of water will continue next week with new pick-up times. Starting Monday, July 30, water distribution will be from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Parchment High School. Residents will be asked to verify their address when they pick-up their water supply.

City of Kalamazoo: Public Works

The City of Kalamazoo continues to work with the City of Parchment to flush Parchment’s water line. Flushing continued last night, and operations will begin again tonight, with staff working through the night. Kalamazoo Township has provided a fire truck to assist in the flushing. Both the City of Kalamazoo and Kalamazoo Township are using back-up, reserved fire engines to flush the water. Front-line fire department equipment and resources are not being diverted from either municipality to assist with flushing Parchment's water supply system.

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As a reminder, controls are in place to prevent Parchment water from flowing into the City of Kalamazoo's water system. The flushing plan developed by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, City of Kalamazoo and City of Parchment is being followed.

PFAS Factsheet for Parchment Water Response

Michigan Department of Health & Human Services in collaboration with Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department developed a PFAS Factsheet. Residents can learn more about PFAS and the health effects. The Factsheet is attached to this news release, and can be found here:

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Town Hall Scheduled

A Town Hall meeting will take place at Haven Reformed Church (5350 N Sprinkle Rd, Kalamazoo, MI 49004) on Tuesday, July 31. The open house is from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and the program is from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Residents living in the city of Parchment and Cooper Township residents with homes supplied by the Parchment water supply are encouraged to attend. An update on the status of the water response activities will be provided, and residents will have the opportunity to receive more information regarding Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), health impacts and plans for interim and long-term water supply solutions

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.

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