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## **August 3, 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.

### **Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)**

#### *Testing: Private Residential Water Wells*

Since Saturday, July 28, the DEQ has worked in the community to test private residential drinking water wells. To date, they have tested 87 wells. For those not at home, a door hanger was left explaining DEQ's desire to obtain samples from their private water supply. 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.

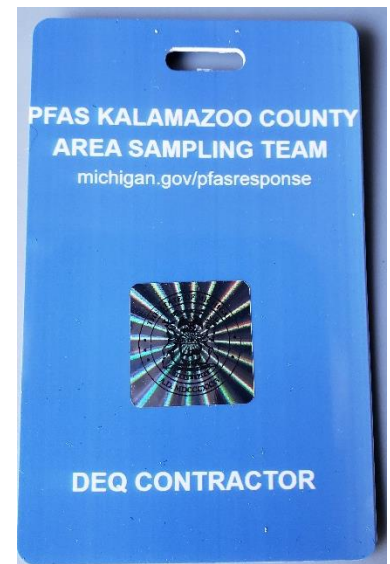
DEQ and their contractor, AECOM, are the only ones authorized to collect samples from resident's private water wells. They can be identified by their badge (pictured right). Anyone representing themselves from DEQ or AECOM should have the badge visible at all times, and residents should ask to see it. The authenticity can be confirmed with the special hologram in the middle.

#### *Testing: Crown Vantage Property site*

The DEQ has continued testing at the Crown Vantage property site. DEQ has collected samples from fourteen (14) out of eighteen (18) monitor wells there. Two (2) of the eighteen (18) monitor wells are currently inaccessible.

#### *Testing: City of Parchment Water Supply & City of Kalamazoo Water*

Since Monday, July 30 the DEQ has been collecting five (5) samples each day of City of Kalamazoo water at different locations within the City of Parchment



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**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Parchment Water Hotline: 269.373.5346

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water supply system. DEQ is checking to ensure the City of Kalamazoo water is below the EPA's lifetime health advisory level of 70 ppt when it is in the City of Parchment's water supply system. Results are anticipated to be received at the beginning of next week. Residents on City of Parchment's water supply system are currently connected to City of Kalamazoo's water supply system. Residents are advised not to begin consumption of water until results are received that meet the EPA's lifetime health advisory level of 70 ppt and the water advisory has been lifted by the Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department.

#### *Other Information*

DEQ is collaborating with Parchment school officials to flush the schools. DEQ is collecting samples from Parchment schools today after flushing is done.

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

The City of Kalamazoo staff has provided information to the City of Parchment Water Supply System regarding flushing. This information will be given to each individual customer over the next few days. For questions regarding how to properly flush your home or for assistance in flushing, please call: 269-337-8756. Additional questions should be referred to the City of Parchment.

The City of Kalamazoo began construction on the first of three (3) permanent water stations and will continue working through the weekend. The construction of permanent water stations allows for a long-term solution to the City of Parchment's water supply system. (Pictures attached)

Once the DEQ results are received and are below the EPA's lifetime health advisory level of 70 ppt, the water stations will allow for residents on the City of Parchment's water supply system to start consumption of water from the City of Kalamazoo's water supply system. Residents should not start using their water again until it has been communicated that the water advisory has been lifted from the Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department, and residents have completed flushing the entire plumbing system in their home or business.

A boil water advisory for seventeen (17) households is still in effect for City of Kalamazoo residents as construction continues to connect residents on the City of Parchment water supply system to the City of Kalamazoo's water supply system. Those residents impacted were notified by the City of Kalamazoo on August 1, and will be in effect for 72 hours. This is a standard operating procedure for all infrastructure construction projects.

For E. G Avenue the second sample read out will be Saturday, August 4 around 6:00 p.m.

For Broadhill Avenue the second sample read out is this afternoon, August 3, around 4:00 p.m.

As construction progresses, additional residents will be notified, as is standard for infrastructure construction.

#### **Water Distribution**

Water distribution resumed today from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Parchment High School. The water distribution times for Sunday, August 5, is 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Weekend hours include water delivery services. Residents are asked to verify their address when they pick-up their water supply.

\*\*Water distribution will also take place Sat August 4, from 10am to 2pm!

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

On 8/2/18, 851 cases of water were distributed.

If you or your organization is interested in volunteering, please contact Shannon Stutz, City of Parchment Treasurer/Clerk at 269-492-3262.

**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 112 phone calls on Friday, August 3 with an average of 14 calls per hour. The hotline is staffed by representatives of the Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department’s Environmental Health Unit and the Clinical Services Division. The majority of calls received are from residents requesting DEQ to test their private water well.

**Kalamazoo County PFAS Water Response Website**

The Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department has setup a webpage on their website for the PFAS Water Response in Kalamazoo County. Current information and links to reputable sources are listed there. The webpage will be updated when new information is available. Residents may access the webpage from [www.kalcounty.com/hcs](http://www.kalcounty.com/hcs) or go directly to [www.kalcounty.com/hcs/pfasresponse.php](http://www.kalcounty.com/hcs/pfasresponse.php).

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