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August 8, 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.

Parchment Water Hotline (269-373-5346)

The Parchment Water Hotline will transition to weekday hours only from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be no weekend hours starting this weekend.

The hotline responded to 84 phone calls on Tuesday, August 7 with an average of 10 calls per hour.

City of Kalamazoo, Public Services

The first of the three permanent water stations is set to be operational by Friday. Construction on the second permanent water station is expected to begin later this week. All construction is on schedule. Water quality testing continues daily. Residents should still use an alternative water source, like bottled water, as the water advisory has not been lifted.

The City of Kalamazoo would like to remind residents of Parchment and Cooper Township to flush their home water system if they have not already done so. For questions regarding how to properly flush your home or for assistance in flushing, please call: 269-337-8756. The City of Kalamazoo has crews available to assist residents in flushing their home system. Residents with a private water well do not need to flush their home or business.

The Home Flushing Instructions distributed are general flushing guidelines recommended by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. These instructions are not specific to PFAS and some items, such as rewashing dishes and clothes, do not relate to what residents need to do when levels of PFAS are above the EPA's lifetime health advisory level of 70 ppt. Touching water that has PFAS is okay. PFAS do not move easily through the skin. It is okay to bathe, shower, wash clothes, and clean with your water. After you complete your in-home flushing, you do not need to rewash your clothes or dishes.

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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 collected samples from 102 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.

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

The DEQ collected five (5) samples each day, Monday, July 30-Thursday, August 2, of the City of Kalamazoo water at different locations within the City of Parchment water supply system. The DEQ will continue collecting five (5) samples each day this week starting on Monday, August 6 through Thursday, August 9. The 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 next week.

Testing: Surface Water

The DEQ collected thirty-six (36) samples of surface water on Monday, August 6 and Tuesday, August 7 from the Kalamazoo River upstream and downstream of Parchment including several samples collected in the immediate vicinity of Parchment and the former Crown Vantage Paper property. Testing results are expected to arrive starting next week.

Water Distribution

The water distribution times for this week are 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Hours include water delivery services. Residents are asked to verify their address when they pick-up their water supply. There are no expected interruptions for severe weather.

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

On 8/7/18, 1,188 cases* of water were distributed.

*The cases reported will increase due to the pack amounts changing. Previously one (1) 40-pack case was given out per household. Now, each household receives two (2) 24-pack cases.

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