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August 22, 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.

Residential Water Wells

To date, the DEQ has sampled 172 residential wells and 3 irrigation wells. Results have been received for 118 residential wells and 1 irrigation well. The Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Department has contacted those individuals about their results.

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 Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), 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 at this time.

Water Distribution

The Water Distribution Center is open on 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 is available for residents to return used water bottles.

On Tuesday, August 21, 2361 cases of water were distributed.

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The Parchment Water Hotline is available for residents to call Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

On Tuesday August 21, the call center received 45 calls at an average of just over 5 calls per hour.

City of Kalamazoo, Public Services

With the completion of the Park Avenue water station, two of the three water stations are now fully operational and performing well. 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.

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