RESIDENTIAL WELL SAMPLING UPDATE

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), in coordination with the Van Buren/Cass District Health Department and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), has received test results for the per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) sampling completed for 11 additional drinking water wells. The samples were collected May 31, 2019. The results for two PFAS compounds, perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) are added together and compared to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Lifetime Health Advisory level of 70 parts per trillion (ppt). The results for the 11 additional drinking water wells are:

- 6 drinking water wells did not identify any PFOA or PFOS
- 5 drinking water wells identified PFOA + PFOS at concentrations below 70 ppt
- 1 drinking water well identified total PFAS concentrations greater than 70 ppt

*Please note that other PFAS compounds may have been detected.

The Van Buren/Cass District Health Department and MDHHS have contacted residents whose wells were sampled to communicate the results of the testing. Filters have been provided to residents whose well water had any amount of PFAS. The water station at the Hartford Fire Department at 436 E. Main Street in Hartford will continue to distribute water to the affected well owners in the study area until the filters are installed.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Any resident with questions should contact the Van Buren/Cass District Health Department at 269-621-3143 or EGLE’s Environmental Assistance Center at 800-662-9278. Residents with health-related questions may also contact the MDHHS MI-Toxics line at: 800-MI-TOXIC (800-648-6942). Any resident within the current study area with a water well on their property that has not been tested is encouraged to contact EGLE’s Environmental Assistance Center to arrange for their well to be sampled.

For more information about PFAS, please visit the Michigan PFAS Action Response Team web site at Michigan.gov/pfasresponse.