

November 8, 2023
Tallmadge Resident
1234 Main St
Grand Rapids Mi 49534

Subject: PFAS Drinking Water Sampling Follow-up
Site:
Parcel:

Dear RESIDENT,

On September 6, 2023, you were mailed a letter from this office regarding PFAS sampling in your residential area. This investigation was completed due to a recent routine water sample having elevated levels of PFOS near the vicinity of your property at _____. A total of 8 samples were collected in the area. Of the 8 samples, 4 were non-detect for all analyzed PFAS compounds. The remaining 4 samples had very low levels of various PFAS compounds. The highest detection was PFBS at 6 parts per trillion (ppt). The Maximum Contaminant Limit (MCL) for PFBS is 420 ppt. The next highest detection was PFOA and PFOS at 3 ppt. The MCL for PFOA and PFOS is 8 ppt and 16 ppt, respectively.

At this time, this department will not be completing additional sampling. You may continue to use your water for domestic purposes and the installation and usage of a water filter is not recommended. However, water samples are a “snapshot in time” and can only truly be representative of the water source when collected on a routine basis. You, as the homeowner, may decide to collect samples in the future, or install and use a water filtration system. Approved under-counter filtration systems are effective at removing PFAS compounds from drinking water. The total cost to purchase and install a filtration system costs approximately \$500, which is comparable to the cost of sampling your water for PFAS.

The Ottawa County Department of Public Health has shared these findings with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). In the future, EGLE and/or MDHHS may conduct additional sampling in your residential area. Please contact this department if you have any questions or concerns about your drinking water.

Sincerely,



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