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VIA E-MAIL

PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP
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WSSN: 05370

Dear Water Supply Owner/Operator:

SUBJECT: PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP 2019 Quarterly
Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Results

PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP was included in a state-funded quarterly sampling effort because PFAS results in 2018 were greater than or equal to 10 parts per trillion (ppt) total PFAS or between 10 ppt and 70 ppt perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA). The results of 2019 PFAS samples collected from PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP, WSSN # 05370 (water supply) on the date(s) indicated are below. A copy of the laboratory report is enclosed for your review.

| Date Collected | Sampling Location | PFOS + PFOA (ppt) | LHA (ppt) PFOS + PFOA | Total Tested PFAS (ppt) |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 6/18/2019 | TP100 | ND | 70 | 7 |

ND – The parameter was not detected based on the laboratory’s analytical report.
See Official lab results for test method used.

Currently, there is no regulatory drinking water standard for any of the PFAS chemicals. However, in May 2016, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) established a non-regulatory Lifetime Health Advisory (LHA) for two of these chemicals, PFOS and PFOA. The LHA for PFOS and PFOA is 70 ppt combined, or individually if only one of them is present.

Your water supply may have returned results greater than non-detect (ND) for the total amount of PFAS analytes tested. Neither the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) (formerly the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality) nor the USEPA currently have any guidance values for these other analytes. If additional guidance and/or comparison values are developed for PFOS, PFOA, or other PFAS chemicals in the future, we may reevaluate the recommendations below.

The concentrations of PFOS and PFOA in these samples are below the USEPA LHA of 70 ppt. We provide the following recommendations:

1. Inform the public as soon as possible of these sample results through posting on your website or other means. EGLE, in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), has developed a toolkit containing communication templates to help notify the consumers of your water supply on the presence of PFAS in the drinking water and the response measures that are being initiated. This is a resource available to you if you choose and can be modified to fit your needs. The toolkit is available at www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse; click on “news and education.”
2. Investigate potential sources of PFAS in your watershed and initiate steps to remove any identified source, if possible. EGLE’s Remediation and Redevelopment Division (RRD) District Supervisor is copied herein and is available to assist you with this effort.
3. Evaluate options to modify operations to reduce PFAS in the water supply should levels approach the existing LHA. For example, this could be accomplished by minimizing use of wells with elevated PFAS levels or through the installation of treatment technology capable of reducing PFAS prior to distribution.
4. Please continue with your regularly scheduled monitoring.

The results of the 2019 sampling will be posted online on the Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART) website within 48 hours of this notification. The results will be found online by going to the MPART website address listed below; click on “Testing and Treatment,” scroll down to “Drinking Water,” and select “Statewide Testing Initiative.”

For information on PFOS, PFOA, and other PFAS, including possible health outcomes, you may visit these websites:

- **State of Michigan MPART** website serving as the main resource for public information on PFAS contamination in Michigan: www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse
- **USEPA** website including basic information, USEPA actions, and links to informational resources: <http://www.epa.gov/pfas>
- **ATSDR** website including health information, exposure, and links to additional resources: www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas

To speak to a MDHHS toxicologist, call toll-free at 1-800-648-6942.

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Thank you for your continued collaboration with this investigation. The ongoing partnership between EGLE and Michigan's public water supplies plays an integral role in the state's continued efforts to ascertain and address the incidence of PFAS in drinking water for Michiganders.

If you have any questions concerning this sampling, please contact me at the telephone number below; by email at EGLE-PFAS-DrinkingWater@michigan.gov; or by mail at EGLE-Drinking Water and Environmental Health Division (DWEHD), P.O. Box 30817, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8311.

Sincerely,

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