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The Allegan County Health Department reports on: *Update on PFAS Community Water Supply Sampling and Progress on Otsego Area Private Water Supply Sampling Project*

Allegan, MI – (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) update). All community and school water supplies in Allegan County have been tested for PFAS. There is a link to the PFAS for community water supply and schools water supply results for Allegan County https://www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse/0,9038,7-365-86510_87918-464299--,00.html. ACHD has not received any results for PFAS in community or school water supply that is above the threshold (life time action level). Again, all community and school water supply have been below the lifetime action level. The EPA set a lifetime health advisory (LHA) level for two PFAS in drinking water. The LHA level is 70 parts per trillion (ppt, equal to 70 ng/L) for PFOA and PFOS combined, or individually if only one is present. The EPA has not set health advisory levels for other PFAS chemicals. The State of Michigan is using 70 parts per trillion (ppt) for decision making purposes.

(Progress on Otsego Area Private Water Supply Sampling Project) On March 10, 2018, Allegan County Health Department (ACHD), Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) met with concerned citizens at the Otsego Public Library. At that meeting, citizens expressed concerns about health issues in the community that may be related to environmental contamination in the city of Otsego and surrounding areas. On April 14, 2018 there was another town hall meeting where MDEQ committed to doing a sampling plan of private water supply. The sampling commenced on July 16, 2018 and was completed the week of July 23, 2018. Details of the sampling plan and what was tested for can be found at www.allegancounty.org/health (Press Release ACHD Reporting on Residential Water Supply Efforts).

ACHD has not received any results from the private water supply sampling. The MDEQ expects most results by August 31, 2018. There are 60 different sample sites with several classes of potential contaminants that were tested for. We understand that the actual lab results will be complicated to understand. Owners/Residents will receive lab results first and we will present those lab results to the community and next steps in late September/early October. We are unable to discuss individual private water supply (well) results with the public related to it being personally identified information (PII).

MDHHS and ACHD will be sending letters and calling residents/owners if there are immediate actions needed on the results. The lab results will be complex so we will be including a table of all detected contaminants, what it is, what the actionable level is if there is one, and actions steps if there are any. We will also have a number to call to ask questions. To summarize:

1. Allegan County Health Department has not received any results from the private well sampling.
2. We will be calling and/or mailing letters depending on the results and actions needed.
3. We will directly call any owner/resident ASAP with any results that need immediate action.
4. There will be number that residents/owners can call with any questions.

For additional information please call 269-673-5411 and ask to speak to Randy Rapp the EH Service Manager.

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