

PFAS Weekly Update to LHD Advisory Committee 3/23/18

MPART update

- DEQ is updating their website water info will be split into different areas – ground water, surface water, municipal water.
- DEQ is working with AECOMM to finalize protocols, including a foam sampling plan/protocol.
- DEQ established regularly scheduled 30 minute coordination calls – Rockford (formerly known as Belmont), Alpena, Wurtsmith, and Grayling. MDHHS and Local Public Health are invited to the meetings.

DEQ/DHHS interagency issues (NOTE: Topics will add and drop off as they emerge/are resolved)

- PFAS Study Session held 3/16.
 - Figured out how DEQ will use the DHHS lab for drinking water analysis
 - Will start with split samples to make sure that lab accuracy is ok
 - Determined that the 24 analyte list is OK;
 - Determined how to work with alternate water sources
 - MDHHS handles interim exposure mitigation (interim = for up to a year)
 - Developed a foam plan – aesthetic remediation for VanEtten Lake.

Active Sites/Locations

- Wolverine & Kent Co
 - Northern Kent Co Plainfield Status Update meeting next Monday 3/26, 10am-12pm
 - Attendees: Legislators – VerHeulen, McGregor, Afendoulis; DEQ and DHHS Technical staff;
 - Set up by MDEQ
- Wurtsmith
 - Wurtsmith RAB meeting is scheduled for April 19.

Local Health Department Updates

- Local Health Services is exploring crisis counseling options to offer with broader responses with Bureau of EMS, Trauma and Preparedness and the Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Administration.

Communications/Media

- FAQ Video Series– Questions have been sent to DEQ for scheduling recording
- Northern MI media tour is in the works – holding 26th, 30th, or the first or second week in April.

Upcoming Meetings

- March 26 – Northern Kent Co Plainfield Status Update (details above)
- April 11 – Fish: Freska Lake Neighborhood Assn
 - Agencies Participating – MDHHS, TBD
 - MDHHS Representative(s) – Kory Groetsch
- April 19 – Wurtsmith RAB
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- April 26, 30 – Northern Michigan Media Tour
 - Agencies Participating – MDHHS, DEQ, MPART
 - MDHHS Representative(s) – Angela Minicuci, Kory Groetsch
- May 4 – MSUE Collaboration
 - Agencies Participating – MDHHS, MDARD, DEQ
 - MDHHS Representative(s) – TBD