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MDHHS retesting wells near Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center for PFAS

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will be retesting residential drinking water wells near the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC) for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The repeat testing will help MDHHS determine if there are changes to levels of PFAS in residents' drinking water.

The residential drinking water wells were first tested as part of the work the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, formerly the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, was doing to identify PFAS in residential drinking water wells near CRTC. The wells were tested starting in late 2017.

“Previous testing was done a couple years ago, and this proactive retesting is being done to ensure there have not been any changes in PFAS levels in the water in this area,” said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health for MDHHS. “This is an opportunity for these residents to learn more about their water and assess if the use of filters is still necessary.”

MDHHS recently mailed letters to residents whose well water was previously tested. The letters contain information about how to schedule follow-up testing with MDHHS. Residents living near CRTC who had their wells previously tested should contact MDHHS at 844-934-1315 if they do not receive a letter before Dec. 2.

MDHHS plans to collect well water samples during the week of Dec. 2. The test results will be provided to well owners. There will not be a charge for testing.

Residents who have questions about this PFAS testing effort can call MDHHS at 844-934-1315. For more information about the PFAS response near the Alpena CRTC or in Michigan, visit Michigan.gov/PFASResponse.

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