



# News Update



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## Update on Northern Kent County PFAS Investigation



**Kent County to Provide Testing and Water As Landfill Results Reveal PFAS - plus Website Redesign**

### Kent County to Provide Testing for 47 Homes for PFAS

The Kent County Department of Public Works (DPW) will work in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to test homes and businesses for PFAS after finding PFOA and PFOS at the North Kent Landfill. In December MDEQ tested existing monitoring wells on the landfill property. In late January the testing results revealed three of those monitoring wells to have combined PFOA (perfluorooctanoic acid) and PFOS (perfluorooctane sulfonate) levels exceeding the State of Michigan limit of 70 parts per trillion (ppt). Two of these wells are located between the landfill and 10 Mile Road to the north, and the third is in the southwest corner of the property, southwest of the landfill.

In response, and in consult with the MDEQ, Kent County DPW agreed to test up to 47 homes and businesses located to the west and south of the landfill. This area represents one of the last areas to be tested in the Belmont area. Homes to the north of 10 Mile Road had already been tested.

As part of the DPW response, homeowners and businesses with wells in the testing zone are being visited by the DPW's engineering consultant, Fleis & Vanderbrink (F&V) to perform testing and to provide bottled water. These residents and businesses will also be provided contact information for Kaat's Culligan to set up bottled water cooler service.

The DPW will pay for testing and all water service until test results are obtained.

Once test results are returned from the laboratory, in a few weeks, representatives from the Kent County Health Department and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services will notify well owners of their results and will provide advice on how to best manage their well and drinking water. Kent County DPW will provide GAC (granular activated carbon) filtration systems to homes or businesses with any detectable concentration of PFOA or PFOS (the two PFAS compounds regulated by the State). The GAC water treatment systems will be sized according to their water use and needs.

The Kent County DPW began discussions with MDEQ in November regarding tannery waste disposed at the North Kent (Ten Mile) Landfill in the 1980's. Disposal of tannery waste at the County-owned landfill site was in compliance with State and Federal regulations at that time. There is currently no data indicating the movement of contaminant away from the landfill property, DPW is coordinating delivery of bottled water to the approximately 47 homes and businesses as a precaution until sampling can be completed and test results have been interpreted.

A news release was issued to local media on January 29, 2018. It can be found [here](#).



**KENT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

### KCHD Website gets a Makeover

We asked for your comments about the KCHD Website dedicated to PFAS investigation in Northern Kent County and you responded. The new design is cleaner and less cluttered and should give you quicker access to more resources. Find the improved site [here](#).



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### Resources

#### Wolverine Worldwide

[HouseStreet@wwwinc.com](mailto:HouseStreet@wwwinc.com)  
(616) 866-5627

#### For information regarding possible health effects of PFAS and PFOA

[The Kent County Health Department](#)  
616-632-7100  
[KCPFAS@kentcountymi.gov](mailto:KCPFAS@kentcountymi.gov)

#### [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services \(MDHHS\)](#)

1-800-648-6942

#### For information about the status of the investigation and water sampling

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Environmental Assistance Center via their online form [HERE](#) or call 800-662-9278

#### For House Street specific site information

[Rose and Westra, a Division of GZA](#)  
Mark Westra/Lori Powers  
<mailto:House-Street@gza.com>  
(616) 258-7234

#### For information about the Plainfield municipal water system

Plainfield Water Department  
(616) 363-9660

#### For questions about tax/property values

Plainfield Township Assessing Department  
Jeff Miller (616) 726-8880

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