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Electronic News Updates
from
The Kent County Health Department

Update on Groundwater near House Street Historic Landfill in Belmont

September 13, 2017



Thank you.

To everyone who attended the Town Hall Meeting hosted by the Kent County Health Department (KCHD) on Tuesday September 12, 2017. You are receiving this email because you were kind enough to provide your email address so that we may better keep you informed. Starting today the Kent County Health Department will share information with you through this mechanism as updates become available to us. The Kent County Health Department is in regular contact with the agencies that are responsible for the oversight, investigation and the ultimate resolution of this situation.

In addition to being your go-to source for health questions Kent County Health Department will work to be a vital communication link between you and the involved agencies.

These E.KCHD updates will be sent to you when new information becomes available, when future meetings are scheduled and when we become aware of pending news coverage regarding this issue.

It is our hope that the information we provide will empower you with the latest knowledge about this situation and will enable you to make sound decisions regarding the your health and the health of your loved ones.

If you have questions or comments about this publication, please feel free to address them to Steve Kelso, communications manager at the Kent County Health Department. Steve.Kelso@kentcountymi.gov (616) 632-7174



New Test Results are In and State Begins Work on Website

NEW TEST RESULTS ARE ENCOURAGING

On Thursday September 15, 2017 the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) informed the Kent County Health Department that the remaining three tests of 38 wells sampled in the second round of testing had arrived. At the time of publication of this newsletter, residents were being informed about the details of those reports.

One of the tests detected zero PFAS and the other two were well below the 70 parts per trillion EPA advisory level.

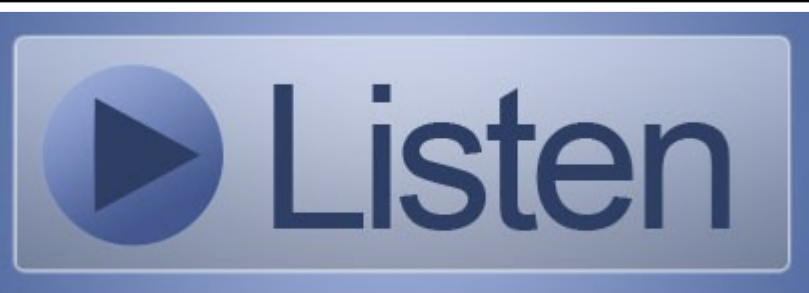
WEBSITE TO BE DEDICATED TO HOUSE STREET SITE

Less than 24 hours after the Town Hall meeting, members of KCHD, DEQ, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Plainfield Township and Wolverine Worldwide were working together to address issues that had been expressed by concerned citizens. Regardless of agency affiliation, all of the participants agreed that one of the most pressing issues residents voiced was a desire for more frequent and more in depth information. MDHHS and DEQ have agreed to begin immediate work to build a webpage that will become a one stop electronic repository for information associated with the House Street landfill. Plainfield Township and KCHD will contribute information and content for the site as well as provide links to the website at <http://www.plainfieldmi.org/> and <https://www.accesskent.com/>. Both agencies will also post timely information on those sites as well.

You will be alerted to the website address as soon as construction is completed.



One of the fastest and most convenient ways to get updates is to follow the Kent County Health Department on Facebook. Simply click [here](#) and "like" our page. The E.KCHD Newsletter will be placed on our Facebook page each time it issues. The Kent County Health Department Facebook page is also a great place to get timely tips about issues that have an impact on public health and upcoming healthy events you and your family may enjoy. You can like Plainfield Township's Facebook page by clicking [here](#).



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Town Hall Meeting
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RESOURCES EXTRA - Read all about PFAS - Follow These Links

For information about possible health effects:

The PFAS Fact Sheet - an easy read in plain English

https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfc/docs/pfas_fact_sheet.pdf

PFAS Clinician Fact Sheet - designed for medical professionals

https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfc/docs/pfas_clinician_fact_sheet_508.pdf

Health Effects of PFAS - not as detailed but gives a nice overview of limiting your exposure to PFAS

https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfc/health_effects_pfc.html

For information about how other communities have handled PFAS issues:

The two websites below describe in great detail two PFAS sites in Michigan. These websites are good examples of what the website for House Street will eventually look like.

The former Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Iosco County

http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71548_54783_54784_56159_77261---,00.html

Grayling Army Airfield Crawford County

http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3307_29693-411914--,00.html