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Staying Connected with Oscoda Township Residents

On Tuesday, April 25, 2017, representatives from several agencies will again be providing updates to the community regarding PFAS contamination in drinking water wells near the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda. The event will be held at the Oscoda Methodist Church, located at 120 West Dwight Avenue in Oscoda with representatives from District Health Department No. 2, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and the U.S. Air Force.

“It has now been over a year since the initial health advisory and we remain committed to keeping residents informed of the evolving situation as well as advocating for safe drinking water. Senator Stamas has worked very hard to introduce and have passed Senate Bill 950. It is time these residents get the long-term solution they are needing.” states Denise Bryan, Health Officer at District Health Department No. 2.

The community meeting will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and will cover topics such as sampling results, alternate water supplies, monitoring of the situation and the status of the investigation. From 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., there will be an open house which will allow for one-on-one conversations. District Health Department No. 2 strongly encourages individuals to attend these events.

At this time, the area of concern remains properties between the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base and Van Ettan Lake, and properties between Van Ettan Lake and Lake Huron, from the US 23/F-41 split north to Chippewa Road. District Health Department No. 2 staff will be available at the Oscoda Township Library on Thursday, April 13, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to meet with property owners in this area who may have questions regarding eligibility for an alternate water supply. Property owners can also call 989-343-1852 for questions or concerns.