

PFAS Weekly Update to LHD Advisory Committee 3/16/18

MPART Update

- Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) indicated that they were sending around their list of analytes that are tested for in drinking water.
 - DEQ has already been testing for these; this review is requested so that they can formalize the protocol and standards.
 - Meant to ensure that all labs are testing for these analytes at the minimum.
 - Where MDHHS has screening levels, we will continue to respond per our protocols. For those analytes where we do not have screening levels, work will continue to establish them.
- Interim fish advisory communication protocol has been shared with MPART.

Active Sites/Locations

- Selfridge Air Force Base
 - Carol is requesting that homes be tested in the Selfridge and Battle Creek (need to determine Fort Custer or Air National Guard) are instead of waiting for the Air Force to do their testing this summer.
 - There are around 20 homes that need to be tested around Selfridge and about 60 homes around Battle Creek.
 - MDHHS is waiting to find out what the timeline for testing is, and will arrange a meeting with Kalamazoo Co., Calhoun Co., and Macomb Co. to discuss the process.
- Lake St Clair Area meeting took place March 14.
 - There are three water systems that use Lake St. Clair water.
 - Local health – Macomb and St. Clair attended.
- Wurtsmith
 - Carol introduced a new community group, called Need Our Water (NOW) from Wurtsmith area.
 - They want a voice in the MPART process.
 - They want to be included in pre-meetings for public meetings and on conference calls.
 - Per Orlando – Carol is having a conversation regarding the Stamas funds \$550K for municipal hook-ups; that's moving forward.

Local Health Department updates

- Orlando Todd spoke with DHD #2 regarding long-term community stress and fatigue dealing with a contamination on a day-to-day basis.
- Interim fish advisories were shared with Kent County and DHD #10 on Tuesday, and released by MDHHS and posted on the PFAS response website on Thursday.

Legislative Actions

- 3/14/18 – Meeting with Representatives Afendoulis, VerHeulen and McGregor. Discussed state response, community outreach, and GVSU proposal again.
- Legislative bill to ban Class B PFAS (to be introduced?); there are federal use exemptions. Have to report it to a purchaser, no use for trainings.

Communications/Media

- FAQ Video – Questions are still being reviewed, to be finished 3/16.

Federal Partnerships

- ATSDR Partnership
 - ATSDR topic 1: Epidemiology
 - Next week's meeting will be specifically about Kent Co. health study.
 - Plan is to have this call and then ask Dr. Savitz to review the draft protocol.
 - ATSDR topic 2: Healthcare outreach
 - Determined that if we're talking to individuals and sending them to their doctor's the doctors need to be informed.

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