

PFAS Weekly Update to LHD Advisory Committee 5/4/18

MPART update

- Annual MDHHS Eat Safe Fish (ESF) advisories came out 5/1/18.
- Protocols:
 - DEQ will be establishing a new protocol for new site testing this week.
 - Draft toolkit FAQ for water system operators is being circulated for review.
 - School testing protocol is being refined. DEQ finalizing; MDE looped in.
- Biosolids: Lapeer ground and surface water testing next week; no drinking water testing yet.
- Otsego area may be added to the list of PFAS sites.
 - School testing continues, including a Head Start Program across the street from an airport and down gradient from biosolids fields.
- Lab Testing: DEQ's contract lab using Method 537; MDHHS lab runs isotope dilution. Different detection level capabilities for each method (isotope dilution capable of more derivatives and lower detection limit). EPA currently prefers Method 537, but has no authority to require it. DEQ and MDHHS have agreed to pilot dual testing methods at Central Sanitary Landfill.
- MPART now includes MDOT/ Office of Aeronautics, Fire Marshall for LARA and DNR.
- Personnel: Scott Dean is the new communications point person for MDEQ.
- Meetings: May 10th – Algoma Township meeting (N. Rockford)
 - Need to schedule meeting in Oscoda
 - May 29th - Briefing with municipal officials at Grayling.
 - June 5th – Grayling Townhall

DEQ/DHHS interagency issues (NOTE: Topics will add and drop off as they emerge/are resolved)

- Risk Communication strategy
 - TARS Outreach team continues to work on the schools and public water systems toolkit.
 - May 2nd – TARS Outreach will have all documents to local health, MDHHS Administration, Angela and DEQ for concurrent review.
 - May 7th – Deadline for concurrent review and finalization.
 - May 11th – DEQ data deadline.
 - Focusing on the message with regard to public water systems – Greater than 10 and less than 70 public water supply.
- Technical Investigation Protocols
 - Continuing to work with DEQ; private drinking water and public water supplies
 - In process of being finalized.

Communications/Media

- Angela is working on messaging with the DNR about deer sampling.

Federal Partnerships

- ATSDR Partnership
 - ATSDR topic 1: Epidemiology
 - ATSDR, MDDHS, and Kent County meeting to discuss health impact assessment strategy