

PFAS Weekly Update to LHD Advisory Committee 7/20/18

MPART Meeting Updates

- DEQ is sending a letter to Ionia Department of Public Utilities for additional sampling of biosolids.
 - DEQ is still working through past data to determine next steps.
- Huron Watershed briefing took place July 17.
- Request for Representative Kildee's staff to visit DEQ and MDHHS labs to see PFAS testing in action.
- Science Advisory Panel met July 24.
 - They are early/midway on the report. Dr. Savitz seems to have a clear conceptual framework of the report.
- Cancer incidence briefing with Kent County took place July 17.
 - MDHHS is working with KCHD on review and messaging.
- DEQ-MDHHS Type 2 wells and water sampling discussions:
 - Colbath and River Rd are on hold until we can discuss the ATSDR MRLs with DHD #2 -- trying to get it resolved this week.
- DNR continues to work on logistics of deer sampling.

MDHHS Updates

- Region 5 Administrator is going to be in Otsego the week of July 23.
 - Requested a briefing on the endocrine disruptor questions and the MDHHS request of EPA for the assays.
- ATSDR Toxicological Profile:
 - MDHHS is preparing a response on behalf of the state during the comment period which has been extended to August 20.
 - MDEQ and MDHHS are working to begin to understand the impacts of the new MRLs; determining how they'll impact not only site assessments, and potentially decision-making strategies.
 - MDHHS developing document to describe the MRLs - tentatively final on Friday, July 20.
- ATSDR has conveyed to MDHHS as part of our Cooperative Agreement that we should operate with the assumption that the MRLs are to be utilized. We should be using them to make determination at sites recognized by ATSDR (including Wurtsmith).
 - MDHHS notes that having different drinking water numbers for different purposes (regulatory vs. public health) is not uncommon.
 - MDHHS will continue to respond using the precedence of our ATSDR work for the past 30 years: Conduct a site review, assess the available screening levels, and use the lowest/most appropriate value to determine public health actions and declare public health hazards.
 - MDHHS DEH is conducting case studies, of sorts, using the draft MRLs, applying them to some of our sites, and determining how it will affect our response.
 - DEH will prepare reports that will go through the chain for review.

PFAS Site Updates

- Camp Grayling/Lake Margarethe public meeting was July 21.
- N 34th Street – Townhall was July 18.
 - Gull Lake fish samples are being collected.
 - Resident asked about swimming pool water replacement; determination is that MDHHS currently provides POU filters and bottled water to ensure safe drinking water source; MDHHS will advise homeowner accordingly.