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Gov. Whitmer Directs MDEQ To File a Request for Rulemaking to Establish PFAS Drinking Water Standards

LANSING, Mich. –Today Gov. Gretchen Whitmer released the following statement commenting on Michigan’s intent to establish PFAS drinking water standards to further protect Michiganders:

“All Michiganders deserve to know that we are prioritizing their health and are working every day to protect the water that is coming out of their taps.

“As a result, Michigan will begin the process to establish PFAS drinking water standards that protect public health and the environment. Michigan has long advocated that the federal government establish national standards to protect the nation’s water from PFAS contamination, but we can no longer wait for the Trump Administration to act.

“Today I’m directing the Michigan PFAS Action Response Team to form a science advisory workgroup to review both existing and proposed health-based drinking water standards from around the nation to inform the rulemaking process for appropriate Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL) for Michigan by no later than July 1, 2019. Additionally, I’m directing the Department for Environmental Quality to immediately file a Request for Rulemaking to establish enforceable MCLs for PFAS in our drinking water supplies. The proposed regulations will be completed on an accelerated schedule with input from stakeholders by no later than October 1, 2019.

“These actions will move us a step closer towards finding real and permanent solutions to ensuring that all Michiganders know that they can trust their drinking water.”

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