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PUBLIC NOTICE Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) started a statewide initiative to test drinking water at all schools that use well water and community water supplies. This test reviews for a group of manmade chemicals called per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The MDEQ is taking the precautionary step of testing drinking water sources to determine if public health actions are needed. It is not uncommon to find low levels of PFAS in drinking water supplies. PFAS can be found in firefighting foams, stain repellants, nonstick cookware, waterproof clothing, food wrappers and many other household products. They do not break down in the environment and move easily into water.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has set a Lifetime Health Advisory (LHA) level for two (2) PFAS potentially found in drinking water, perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS). The LHA level is the level, or amount, below which no harm is expected from these chemicals. The LHA level is 70 parts per trillion (ppt, equal to 70 ng/L) for PFOA and PFOS combined, or individually if only one is present. The EPA has not set health advisory levels for other PFAS compounds. Wyandotte's water system was tested by AECOM, MDEQ's contractor on July 26, 2018. Test results can be found on the Michigan PFAS Response website, www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse. Results confirm that of the PFOA and PFOS's tested, **none were detected in Wyandotte's treated drinking water and therefore Wyandotte is below the EPA's lifetime health advisory level.**

The Wyandotte Municipal Services Water Department is committed to providing our customers with quality drinking water. As your water supplier, we work closely with the MDEQ to maintain the quality of your water. For health-related questions, contact the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) at 1-800-648-6942 or visit one of the websites below. Also, information on PFAS, including possible health outcomes can be reviewed on these websites.

- State of Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART) website serving as the main resource for public information on PFAS contamination in Michigan
www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse
- Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ASTDR) website including health information, exposure, and links to additional resources
www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas
- United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) website including basic information, U.S. EPA actions, and links to informational resources
www.epa.gov/pfas

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