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REMEDIATION AND REDEVELOPMENT DIVISION



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DIRECTOR

January 13, 2026

VIA EMAIL - U.S. MAIL – HAND DELIVERED



Dear Resident:

SUBJECT: Request for Voluntary Access to Sample Drinking Well Water
[Redacted]
Associated with the Aspenwood Drive Area of Interest
[Redacted]

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has received sampling data that indicates per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) were detected in drinking water wells in the vicinity of your home. EGLE is asking your permission to sample your drinking well water for PFAS to determine if your well has been impacted by PFAS contamination. PFAS are a group of chemicals that do not break down easily, remain in the environment for decades, and are associated with several health issues.

EGLE would like to sample your well because the sampling results have identified a PFAS compound called perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) at a level above current Michigan drinking water standards. Over time, if you drink water with high levels of PFAS, you could be more likely than the average person to develop some health issues in the future. **This sampling is at no cost to you.**

How to have your water tested:

If you are interested in having your well tested for PFAS, we need your permission to collect a sample. Please fill out the enclosed Sampling Questionnaire and Access Agreement form and use one of the following options to submit the form back to EGLE:

- Take a picture of the signed Sampling Questionnaire and Access Agreement and email the image to GiesL1@Michigan.gov.
- Mail the signed Sampling Questionnaire and Access Agreement to Leah Gies, EGLE-RRD, Grand Rapids District Office, P.O. Box 30426, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7926 in the enclosed postage-paid return envelope.
- If one of these options does not work for you and you would like your well tested, contact me to discuss other options.

After we receive your form, our contractor will contact you to schedule a time to collect a water sample from your well. The contractor will **sample from an outside spigot if one is available**. If there is an outside spigot, you do not need to be home for the contractor to conduct the sampling.

Your sample results:

You will receive your results with an explanation of what they mean. If results are a potential concern for your health, we will call you right away. If needed, we will discuss alternative water options that would be provided at no cost to you until a longer-term solution is available.

For more information, visit: Michigan.gov/PFASResponse or michigan.gov/pfasresponse/investigations/sites-aoi/kent-county/aspenswood-drive-area-of-interest.

If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to me or any of the other team members listed below.

- Leah Gies, EGLE, Grand Rapids District Office, 616-215-4781 or GiesL1@Michigan.gov
- Hava Topolski, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), 517-243-1290 or TopolskiH@Michigan.gov
- Jayme Hensler, Kent County Health Department (KCHD), 616-204-0035 or Jayme.Hensler@kentcountymi.gov

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,



Leah Gies, PG
Environmental Quality Analyst
Grand Rapids District Office
Remediation and Redevelopment Division
616-215-4781
GiesL1@Michigan.gov

Enclosures: Sampling Questionnaire and Access Agreement / Meeting Notice /
Return Envelope

cc/via email: Hava Topolski, MDHHS
Jayme Hensler, KCHD
Karen Vorce, EGLE



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY
SAMPLING QUESTIONNAIRE AND ACCESS AGREEMENT

INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete the information below, sign and return the agreement to request free sampling of your well. (Return options provided on the letter)

Estimated sampling times are weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

RESIDENT INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Is the property address above also the preferred mailing address? Yes No

If no:

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

If renting, provide contact information for the owner. Note that the owner will also need to sign and return an access agreement for EGLE to be able to collect the sample:

Owner's First Name: _____ Owner's Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Is there a well on the property? Yes No

If yes, is it used for: Drinking Irrigation

Depth of well (if known): _____

Do you have any type of water treatment system (i.e. water softener, faucet filter, etc.)?

Yes No

If yes, please specify: _____

Is an outdoor spigot available to sample? Yes No

Is the outdoor spigot untreated water? Yes No or Unknown

If an outdoor spigot is available, do you want to be present during sampling? Yes No

Additional comments regarding scheduling, property/sample point access, etc.:

SIGNATURE

Your signature on this document indicates that you agree to allow the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, its employees, contractors, or authorized representatives to access your property to sample and analyze your well water. You may choose to revoke access at any time.

Signature

Date

If you need this information in an alternate format, contact EGLE-Accessibility@Michigan.gov or call 800-662-9278.

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This form and its contents are subject to the Freedom of Information Act and may be released to the public.



NOTICE:

PFAS Community Meeting

Meeting Details and How to Attend

Date: January 20, 2026

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Location:

Wisner Center, KDL
Cascade Twp. Branch
2870 Jacksmith Ave SE,
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Questions about attending this meeting?

Please call Leah Gies at
616-215-4781.

Residents are invited to learn about the PFAS drinking water well sampling in the neighborhood northeast of 36th Street SE and Cascade Road SE in Cascade Township.

Representatives from the Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART), the Michigan Departments of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will share information about the ongoing state-funded PFAS sampling in the area.

Community members will have the opportunity to ask questions after the presentations.

Individuals needing language, mobility, visual, hearing, translation or other assistance for the meeting should contact Leah Gies by January 15, 2026.

- GiesL1@Michigan.gov
- 616-215-4781

More information about PFAS can be found at Michigan.gov/PFASResponse.

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ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 800-648-6942 (TTY: 711).

ملحوظة: إذا كنت تتحدث اذكر اللغة، فإن خدمات المساعدة اللغوية تتوافر لك بالمجان. اتصل برقم 800-648-6942 (رقم هاتف الصم والبكم: -TTY:711).