



GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY HEALTH
2600 LaFranier Road, Suite A
Traverse City, MI 49686
231-995-6111

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
2650 LaFranier Road
Traverse City, MI 49686
231-995-6051

ADMINISTRATION &
MEDICAL EXAMINER
2600 LaFranier Road, Suite A
Traverse City, MI 49686
231-995-6100

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT &
PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS
2600 LaFranier Road, Suite A
Traverse City, MI 49686
231-995-6100

www.gtchd.org

Immediate Release:
11/16/20

Update on PFAS Testing in East Bay Township

Results from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) regarding seven (7) private wells tested above drinking water maximum contaminant levels (MCL) for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) levels in the Pine Grove neighborhood in East Bay Township have been received.

The MCLs for PFAS became effective in early August of this year. All 15 wells tested returned some level of PFAS detection, whereas seven of the wells exceeded the MCLs.

The Grand Traverse County Health Department has contacted the owners of the wells that were tested to review individual results. As a precautionary measure, residents who live in the affected Pine Grove neighborhood in East Bay Township have been supplied with bottled water since Thursday, October 22, and will continue to be supplied with bottled water until water filters can be installed.

A coordinated effort between EGLE, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), and GTCHD will be on-going. Further analysis, planning and monitoring of the properties near the Pine Grove neighborhood will continue.

Additional information regarding PFAS can be found at:

<https://www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse>

<https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/overview.html>

Any questions regarding wells or drinking water in areas near the East Bay Township location should be directed to the GTCHD's Environmental Health Division at 231-995-6051.

#

Media Contact:

Emmy Schumacher, eschumacher@gtcountymi.gov, 231-493-8376