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Residential wells near Pellston to be re-tested for PFAS

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will be re-testing residential well water in the Pellston area for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The testing will help MDHHS determine if there are changes to levels of PFAS in residents' drinking water.

The MDHHS contractor, Global Remediation Technologies (GRT), will contact residents by phone to schedule appointments to collect well water samples from their homes. GRT plans to start collecting the well water samples within the next two weeks. There is no cost to the residents for the tests.

The residential drinking water wells were first tested in 2020 as part of the work to identify the locations where PFAS is in residential drinking water wells in the Pellston area.

PFAS are a large group of human-made chemicals that are not naturally found in the environment. The water and grease resistant chemicals are largely used in manufacturing, firefighting foam, and many consumer products.

Residents who have questions about this PFAS testing effort, or who have questions about PFAS and their health, can call MDHHS at 844-934-1315. For more information about the PFAS response near Pellston or in Michigan, visit Michigan.gov/PFASites.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. For more information, visit nwhealth.org.

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