# Northeast Gravel/Boulder Creek Community Meeting

December 5, 2019



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

# Meeting Agenda



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#### History of Area

**Current PFAS Investigation** 



#### PFAS & Human Health



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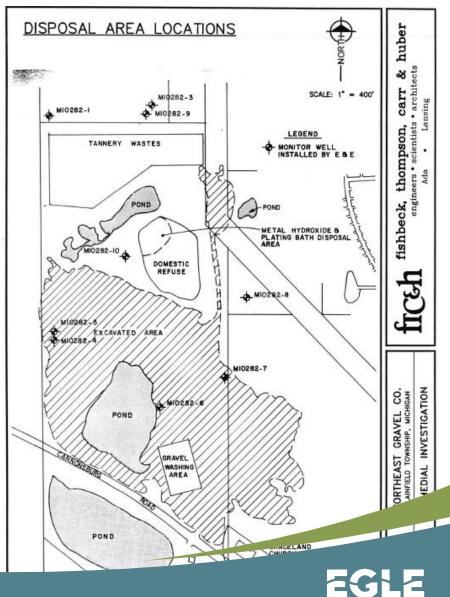


Questions and Answers



# Northeast Gravel Site History

- Site is approximately 20 acres in size.
- Formerly a licensed landfill that operated from 1966 1979.
- 3 Disposal Areas:
  - Wolverine Tannery Waste;
  - Plating Waste Area;
  - Domestic Refuse Area.
- During the 1990's Various environmental investigations completed
- 1998 Limited Residential Based Remedy to address environmental contamination; golf course construction begins.



# Northeast Gravel – PFAS Testing

#### Oct. 2017

EGLE begins PFAS sampling of wells down/side gradient of disposal areas. Sampling continues through June 2018.

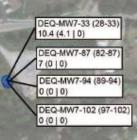
#### Aug. 2018 – Feb. 2019

Northeast Gravel conducts PFAS investigation activities at the site.

Compliance communication letters sent to Northeast Gravel (now Boulder Creek Development Company) requesting additional work be completed at the site by Northeast Gravel.

Feb. 2018 and June 2018





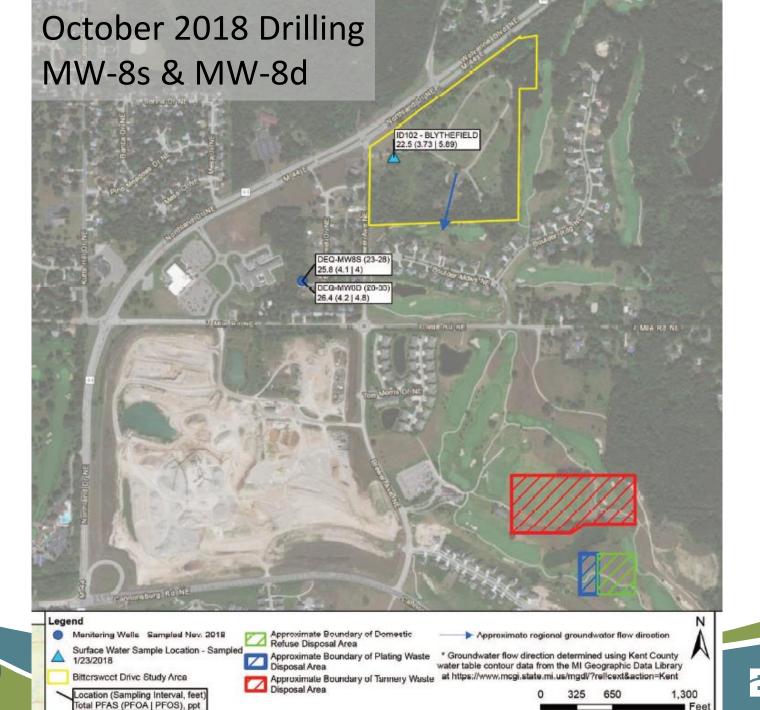
### October 2018 EGLE Drilling MW-7 Nested Wells

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DEG		Monitoring Wells - Sampled Nov. 2018				Â
AECOM	1-	Municipal Wells - Sampled April 2018     Spring Valley Mobile Home Park Study     Area				N
Prepared: 3/26/2019	Grand Rapids	Location (Sampling Interval, feet) Total PFAS (PFOA   PFOS), ppt	0	225	450	900 Feet

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# **PFAS Investigation Continues**

- May 23, 2019: Northeast Gravel provides EGLE with the results of this investigation in a summary report. Based on report, site became its own investigation area on MPART website.
- June 2019: EGLE & Kent County Health Department meeting with Northeast Gravel to discuss findings.
- July 2019: EGLE compiles a "Geologic Review" of findings, for areas north of 7 Mile Road. Requests more work be completed.



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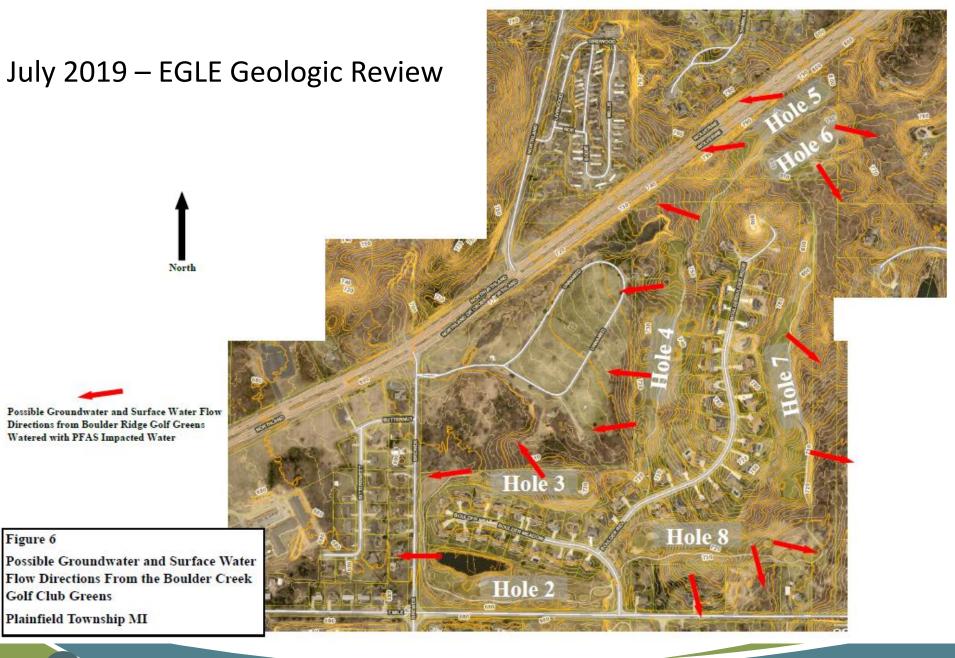
#### Background

This site is located at 3769 Cannonsburg Road, NE and is approximately 20 acres in size. Currently a golf course, the site was formerly a licensed landfill that operated from 1966 – 1979. During that time, the site contained three disposal areas, including a Wolverine World Wide tannery waste area, a plating waste area, and a domestic refuse area. EGLE used state funding to sample nearby vulnerable drinking water wells starting in October 2017. These results were reported and tracked in EGLE's overall North Kent County PFAS Investigation. EGLE requested Northeast Gravel Company (now Boulder Creek Development Company, LLC (BCDC) to conduct additional investigation and response actions; once EGLE was provided with the report summarizing these actions, it was determined this property should be reported as its own MPART site.

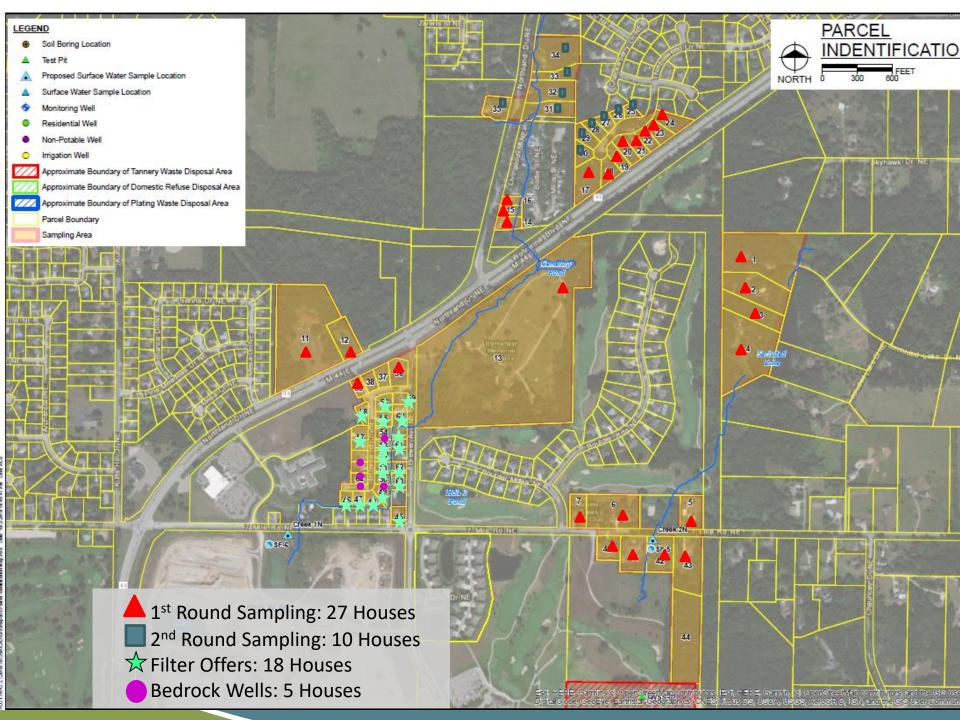




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# Next Steps Proposed by Northeast Gravel

- Sample near-by drinking water wells (on-going) and assess PFAS data
- > Installation of monitor wells based on the drinking water well data
- Sampling of near-by surface water bodies and installation of staff gauges
- Development of Conceptual Site Model based on above data
- Source of water for irrigation at the golf course will be changed from the PFAS impacted ponds located near the former disposal area to water from the active gravel mining activities (to be completed by May 2020)

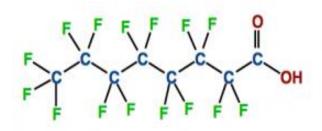
## Per and Polyfluorinated Alkyl Substances (PFAS)

Bill Farrell Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

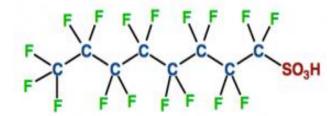
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#### PFAS

- About 5000 or more chemicals
- Human-made chemicals
  - heat-resistant
  - repel oil, stains, grease, and water
  - do not breakdown
  - bioaccumulate
- PFOA and PFOS are most studied



PFOA - perfluorooctanoic acid



PFOS - perfluorooctanesulfonic acid

### HUMAN EXPOSURE

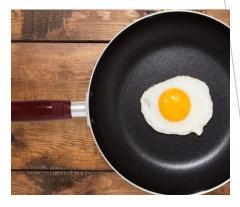
Not naturally occurring substances

- Local high strength sources vs background exposures
- Ingestion is main pathway
  - Contaminated drinking water
  - Contaminated foods
    - $_{\odot}\,$  Locally harvested fish and wild game
    - Homegrown (gardens)
    - Purchased (grocery store)
  - Food packaging (e.g., popcorn bags, fast food containers, etc.)
    - Until recently- PFAS now largely phased out of food packaging
    - Incidental ingestion (i.e., dust, soil, direct contact)

### **PFAS Sources**





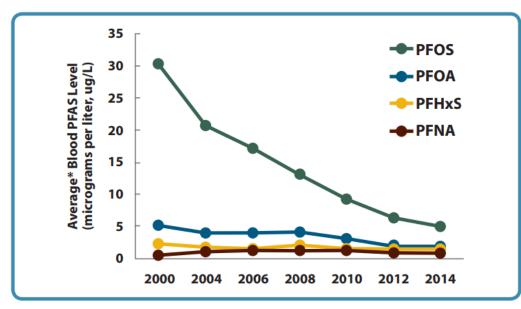








#### Blood Levels of the Most Common PFAS in People in the United States from 2000-2014



\* Average = geometric mean

**Data Source:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Fourth Report on Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals, Updated Tables, (January 2017). Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Michigan PFAS Action Response Team

# Health Outcomes (PFOA and PFOS)

In People:

- Alter cholesterol
- Thyroid disease (PFOA)
- Ulcerative colitis (PFOA)
- Testicular and kidney cancer (PFOA)
- Alter immune system function

In Laboratory Animals:

- Developmental effects
  - Reduce ossification of the proximal phalanges
  - Decrease pup birth weight
  - Accelerated puberty in male pups
- Immune system dysfunction
- Alter liver and kidney weight

### Multiple Lines of Consideration for Determining Public Health Response Actions

- EGLE Part 201 Residential Drinking Water Criterion (70 ppt PFOA + PFOS)
- MDHHS Public Health Screening Levels
- Residential Well Results (individually and collectively)
- Site-specific information (e.g., known source, geology, etc.)

### PFAS Public Health Drinking Water Screening Levels

- Health-based
  - Protective of fetus and breastfed infants
  - Also protective of formula fed infants and other ages
- Used to determine if further evaluation for PFAS is necessary
- Used to determine if public health actions are needed
- Non-regulatory

### MDHHS Public Health Drinking Water Screening Levels

Type of PFAS	MDHHS Public Health Drinking Water Screening Levels
PFOA	9 parts per trillion (ppt)
PFOS	8 ppt
PFNA	9 ppt
PFHxS	84 ppt
PFBS	1,000 ppt

### Drinking Water Health-based Values

Type of PFAS	Health based Value (ppt)
PFOA	8 ppt
PFOS	16 ppt
PFNA	6 ppt
PFHxA	400,000 ppt
PFHxS	51 ppt
PFBS	420 ppt
GenX	370 ppt

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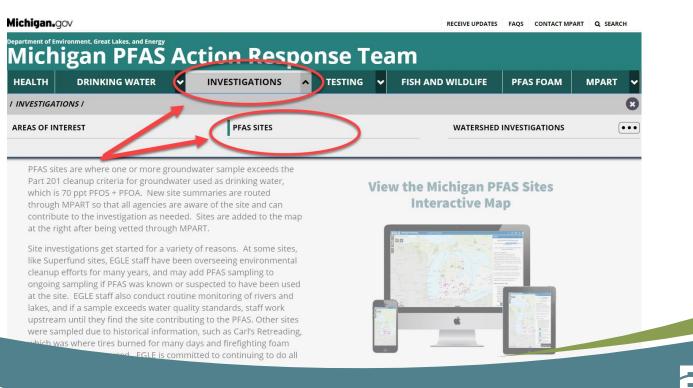
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# Resources

Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART)

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

Click on "investigations" ..... "PFAS sites"......then scroll down to **Northeast Gravel Site**.



Dep	Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy Michigan PFAS Action Response Team								
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	Lansing, RACER Plants 2, 3, & 6	Pitsch Sanitary Landfill	Lacks Industries - Saranac	Oscoda Area					
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	Jackson County, Jackson, Michner Plating	Kalamazoo County, Kalamazoo, Nolichucky Industrial Corp.	Kalamazoo County, Parchment, Crown Vantage Property	<u>Kalamazoo County,</u> <u>Richland Township,</u> <u>North 34th Street</u>					
	Kent County, Belmont, Northeast Gravel	Kent County, Grand Rapids, Cottage Grove and Marshall Area	Kent County, Grand Rapids, Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GFIA)	Kent County, Grand Rapids, Lacks Industries - Cascade					
	Kent County, Grattan Township, Ashley Avenue Disposal Area	Kent County, Kentwood, Former Keeler Brass - 32nd Street	Kent County, Plainfield Township, State Disposal Superfund Site	Kent County, Rockford, Belmont House Street Disposal Area					



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#### **Recent Accomplishments**

- On October 24, 2019, BCDC's environmental consultant mailed out 27 letters to homes who are included in the initial residential well sampling effort surrounding the golf course greens north of 7 Mile Road. Sampling of those houses will begin the week of November 11th. EGLE requested this sampling be completed after finding out that the golf course used PFAS impacted water to irrigate the golf course north of 7 Mile Road.
- On October 29, 2019, EGLE sent BCDC a letter in response to the "Response Activitiy Plan for PFAS". The letter served as EGLE's approval of the
  proposed work (minus Section 4.3 which was discussed in the September 19, 2019 letter).

# Website updated monthly

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# **Health Related Information:**

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