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Press Release: Public Meeting Scheduled to Discuss Groundwater Sampling for PFAS Near Muskegon County Airport Property

Muskegon, MI – Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Public Health – Muskegon County (PHMC), and Muskegon County Airport are jointly planning a public meeting to update area residents on the status of the PFAS investigation near the Airport property and answer any questions they may have. The meeting is scheduled at <u>6:00 PM on February</u> <u>19th at Western Michigan Christian High School</u> located at 455 E. Ellis Road, Norton Shores, MI 49441. Updates regarding PFAS detection and response efforts will be provided.

The meeting will be structured as follows:

6:00 PM – 6:55 PM Open House: Public and affected residents can meet person-to-person with officials from MDEQ, MDHHS, PHMC and Muskegon County to ask questions specific to their concerns.

7:00 PM – 7:55 PM Public Presentation/Panel: Various agencies will outline the nature of PFAS, health effects, PFAS detections/responses to date, and next steps.

8:00 PM - 8:30 PM Q & A: Questions and answers period.

Agencies working on this issue and scheduled to be in attendance include the following:

- **Public Health-Muskegon County** assists with coordination of well testing and issues health recommendations and advisories when needed.
- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services evaluates well test results for possible harm to human health and assists Public Health-Muskegon County in issuing health recommendations and advisories.
- Muskegon County investigating PFAS contamination at Muskegon County Airport with MDEQ oversight.
- Michigan Department of Environmental Quality oversees environmental investigations and cleanup.
- City of Norton Shores Fire Department & Water and Sewer Department

