Oscoda Area and Former Wurtsmith Air Force Base PFAS Townhall Meeting

July 21, 2020

Agenda	
6:35 pm	Webinar Instructions
6:40 pm	EGLE Update
7:10 pm	MDHHS Update
7:20 pm	DNR Update
7:30 pm	Question and Answer Session
8:00 pm	Meeting Conclusion

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PFAS Introduction

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Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART)



- Executive Order 2019-03
- Unique Multi-Agency Approach
- Leads Coordination and Cooperation Among All Levels of Government
- Directs Implementation of State's Action Strategy

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

PFOA - perfluorooctanoic acid

- Strong Carbon-Fluorine Bonds
- Surfactants
- Highly Stable
- Repel Water, Oil, Fat, and Grease
- Began Developing in 1940s
- 5,000+ Compounds Today

PFAS Uses











Aerospace

Apparel

Building and Construction

Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals

Electronics







Energy



Healthcare and Hospitals



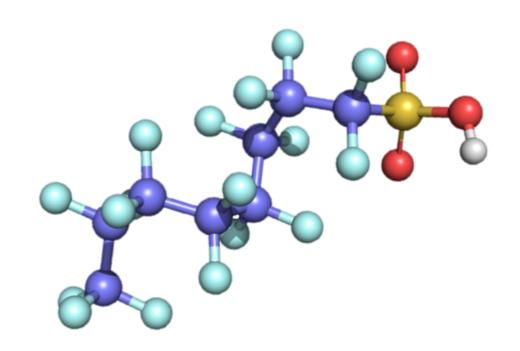
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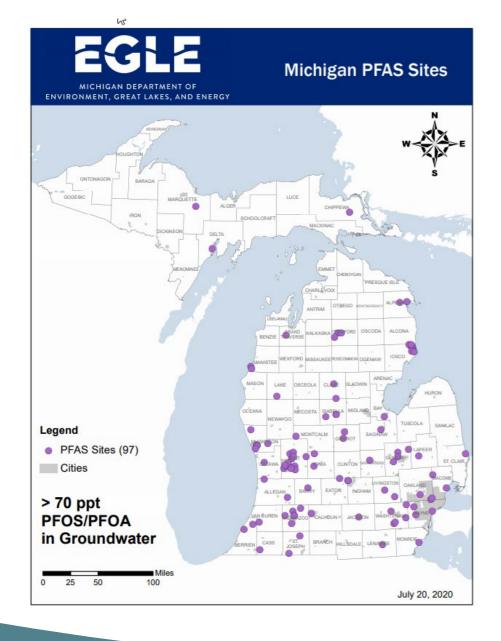


Semiconductors

Why the Concern?

- Widespread
- Don't Break Down Easily -Hard to Get Rid of
- Bioaccumulative Build Up in Our Bodies
- Some PFAS May Affect Health
- Lack of Information
- Lack of Standards

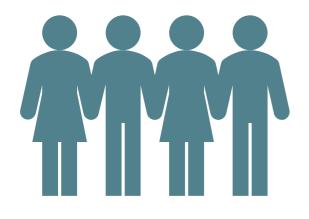




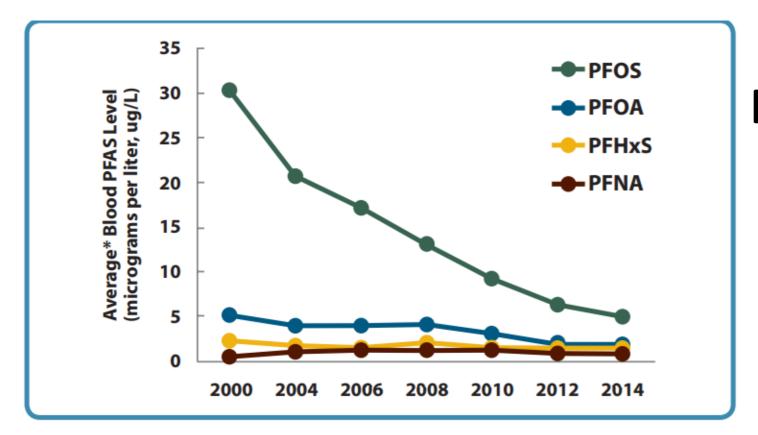
Sites Being Investigated

- Prioritized Investigations
 Based on Known or Suspected
 Sources, Potential for
 Exposure
- Protect Drinking Water
 Pathway
- Multiple Other Investigations Underway

Citizens Advisory Workgroup



- Residents From Impacted Communities
- Key Charges:
 - Recommend How to Engage and Empower Communities
 - Recommend How to Educate the General Public



Blood Levels of the Most Common PFAS in People in the U.S. from 2000-2014

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.

^{*} Average = geometric mean

Potential Associated Human Health Outcomes PFOA and/or PFOS

- Lowering a woman's chance of getting pregnant
- Increasing the chance of high blood pressure in pregnant women
- Increasing the chance of thyroid disease*
- Increasing cholesterol levels
- Changing immune response
- Increasing chance of cancer, especially kidney and testicular cancers

Exposure to PFAS

- Drinking contaminated water
- Eating fish caught from water contaminated by PFAS
 - "Do Not Eat Fish" Advisories
- Occasional swallowing of contaminated soil or dust
- Eating food packaged in materials containing PFAS
- Using some consumer products
- PFAS absorption through skin is not typically a concern, although research is ongoing





Oscoda Area Conceptual Site Model

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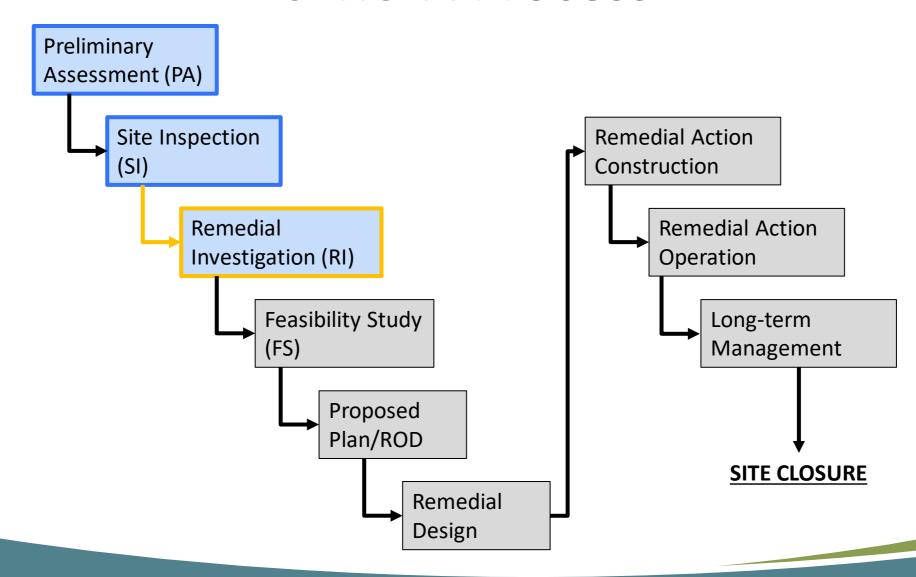
Presentation Outline

- Brief On-Base PFAS History
- Conceptual Site Model
- Criteria Exceedances in Groundwater and Surface Water
- Current PFAS Investigations

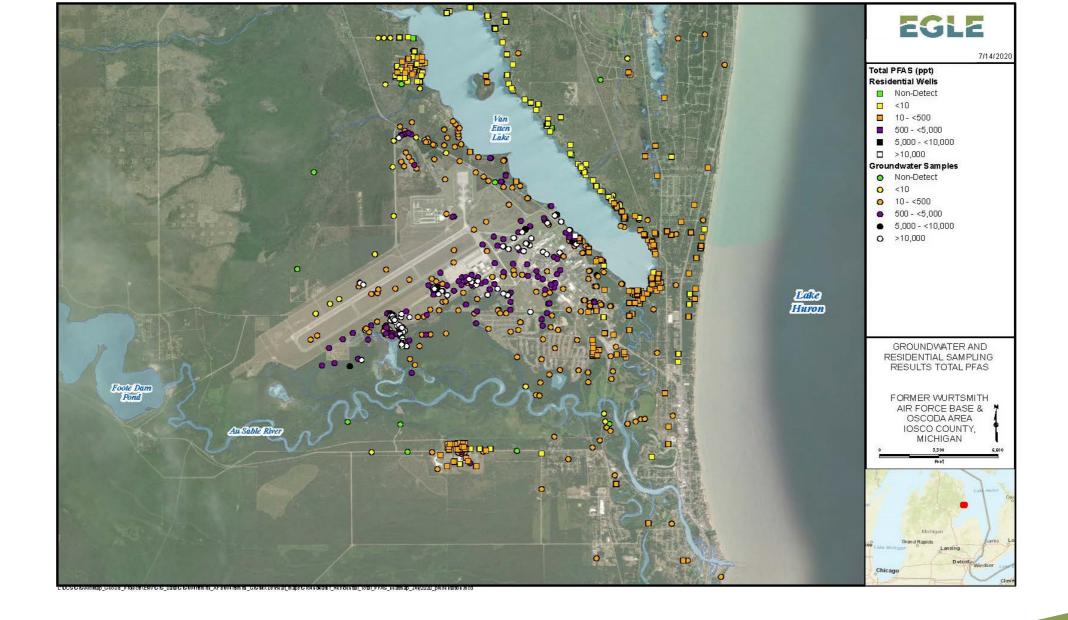
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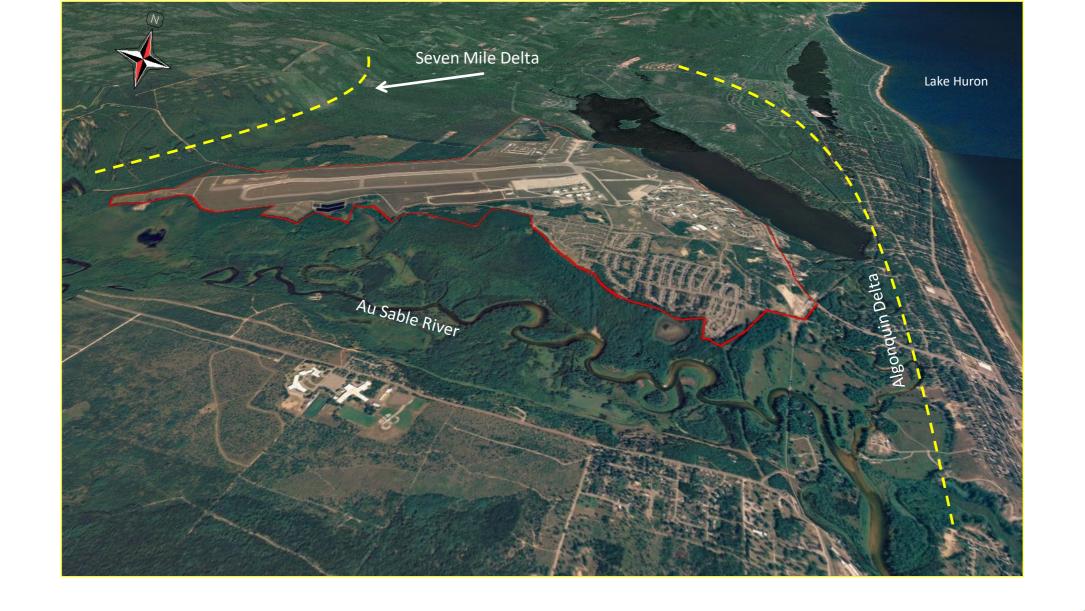
2010 - 2011 2012-2013 2014-2015 2016-2017 2018-2019 EGLE EGLE collects soil, **USAF completes Focus Preliminary Assessment Expanded Site Inspection USAF** base-wide groundwater, surface (ESI) **PFAS** sampling **Feasibility Study and** (PA) water, and fish samples installs the FT-02 P&T **USAF** installs the Central System Site Investigation (SI) **Treatment Plant for** PFOS/PFOA **Mission Street PFOS/PFOA** Treatment (2019)

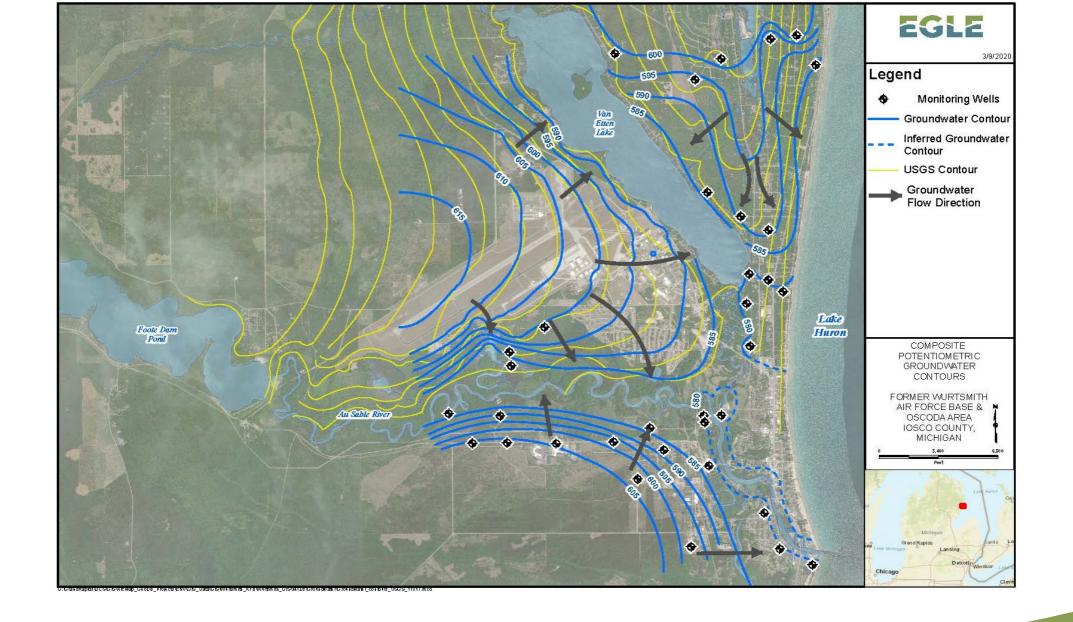
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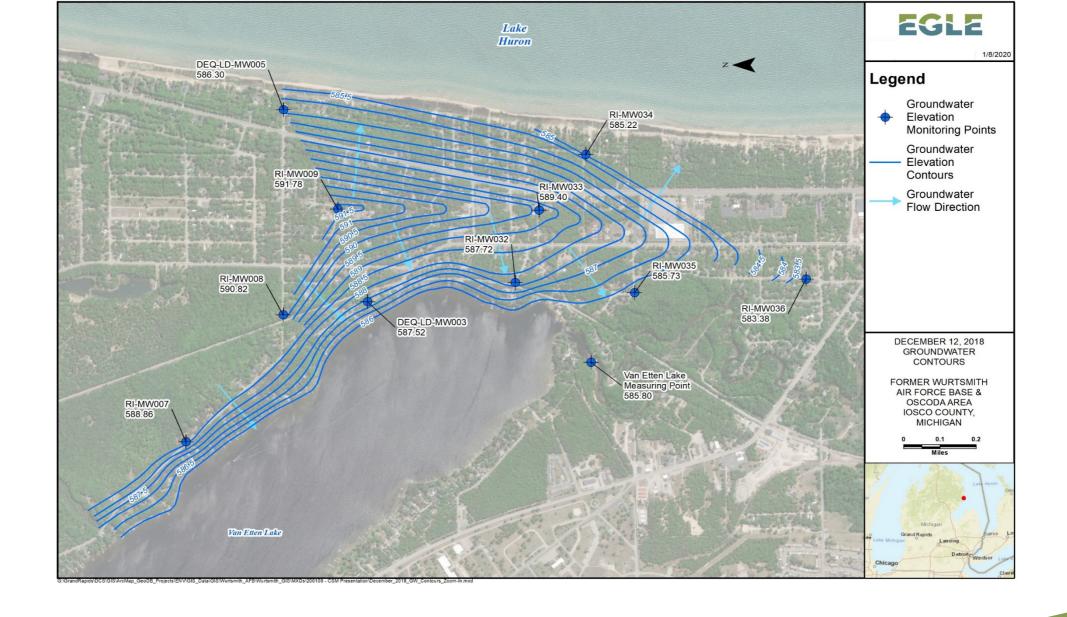


Conceptual Site Model



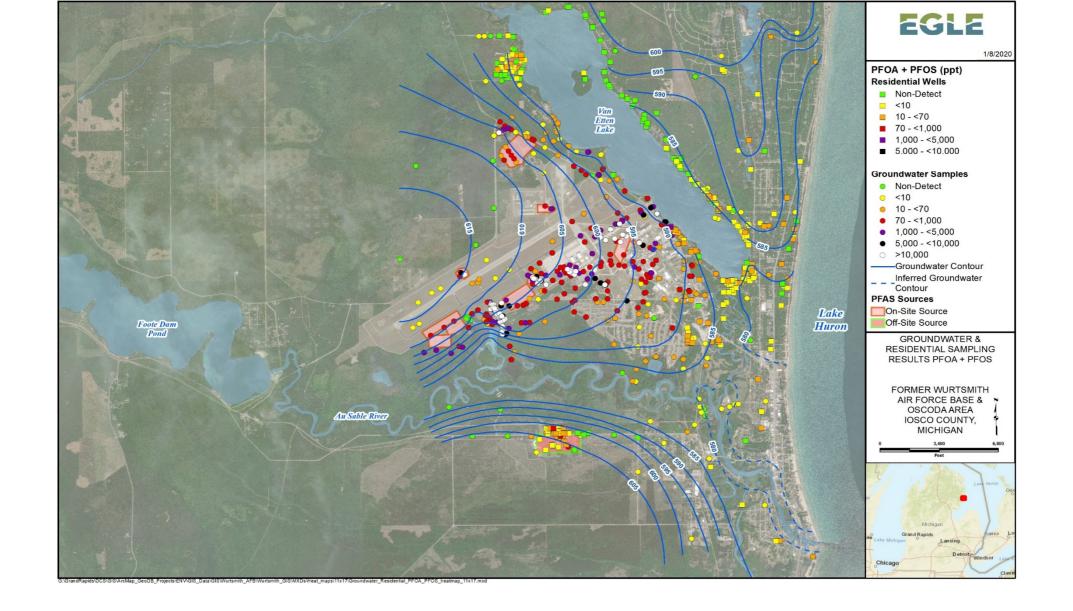


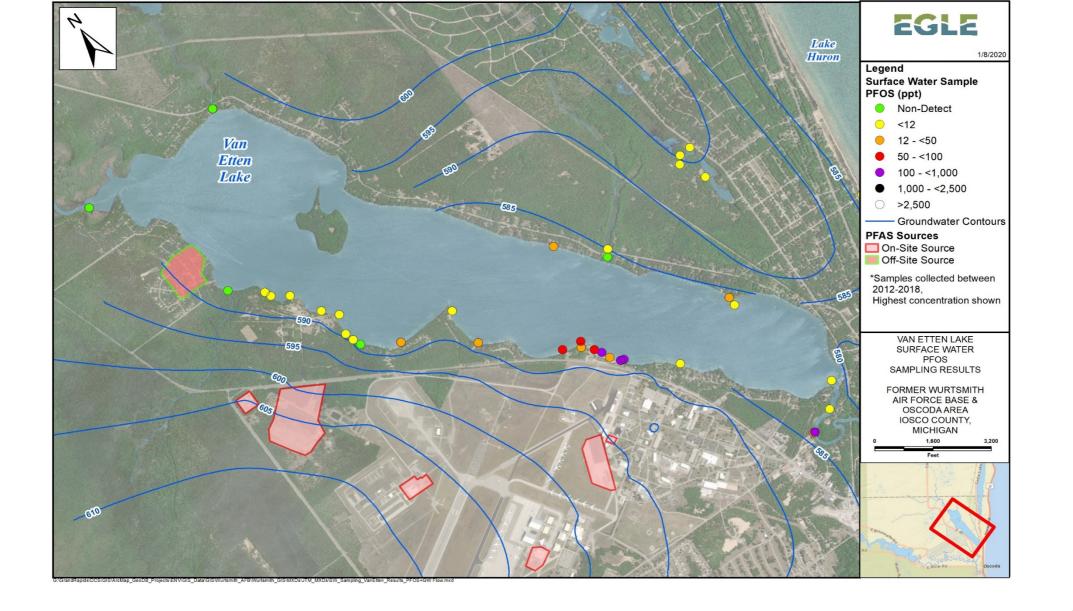


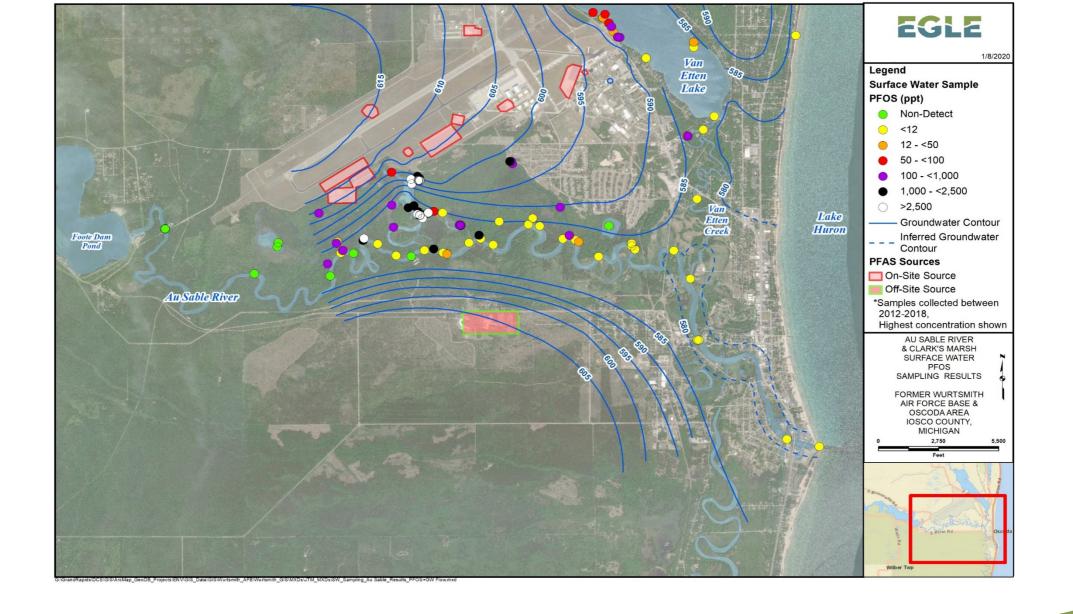




Criteria Exceedances in Groundwater and Surface Water







Current PFAS Investigations

EGLE Superfund

- Oversite of Air Force environmental activities
- EGLE Project manager Beth Place
 - Superfund Section, Lansing

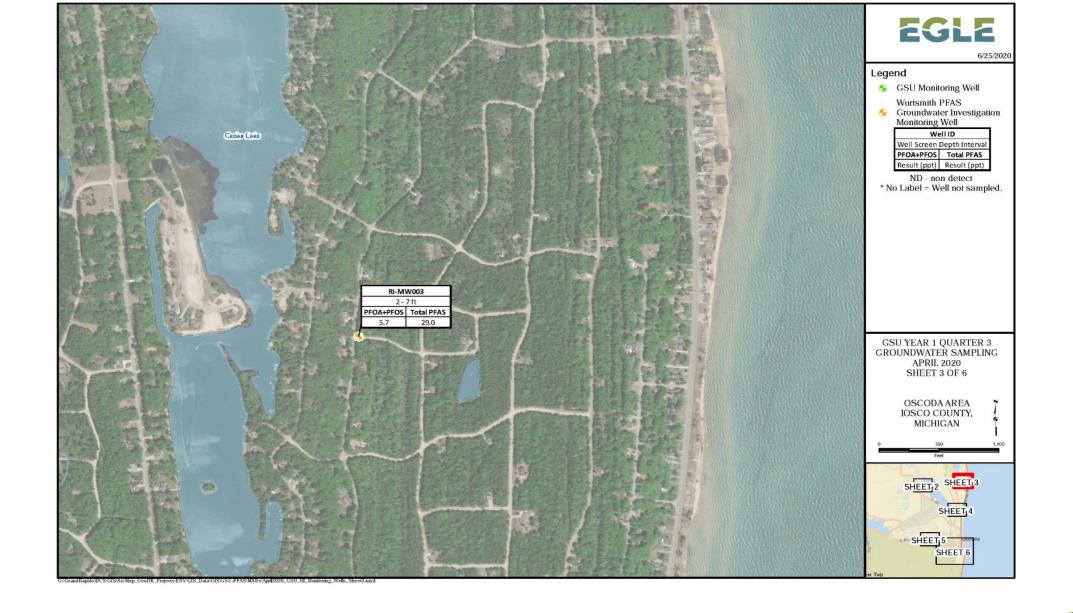
EGLE Saginaw Bay District

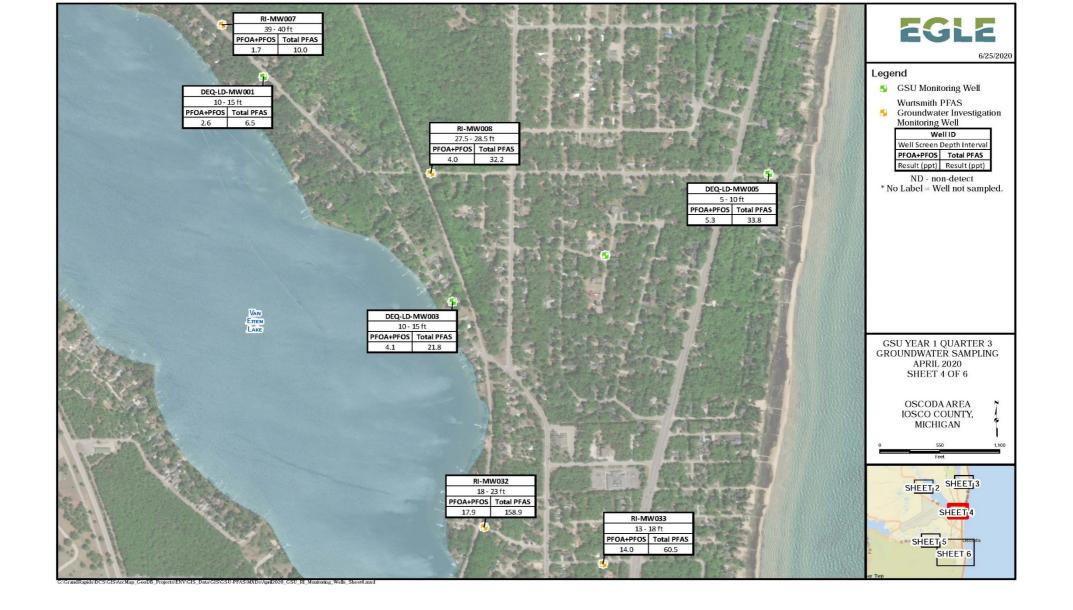
- EGLE Quarterly Groundwater Sampling
- Au Sable River Boat Launch Investigation
- Projects managed by Amanda Armbruster
 - Bay City District

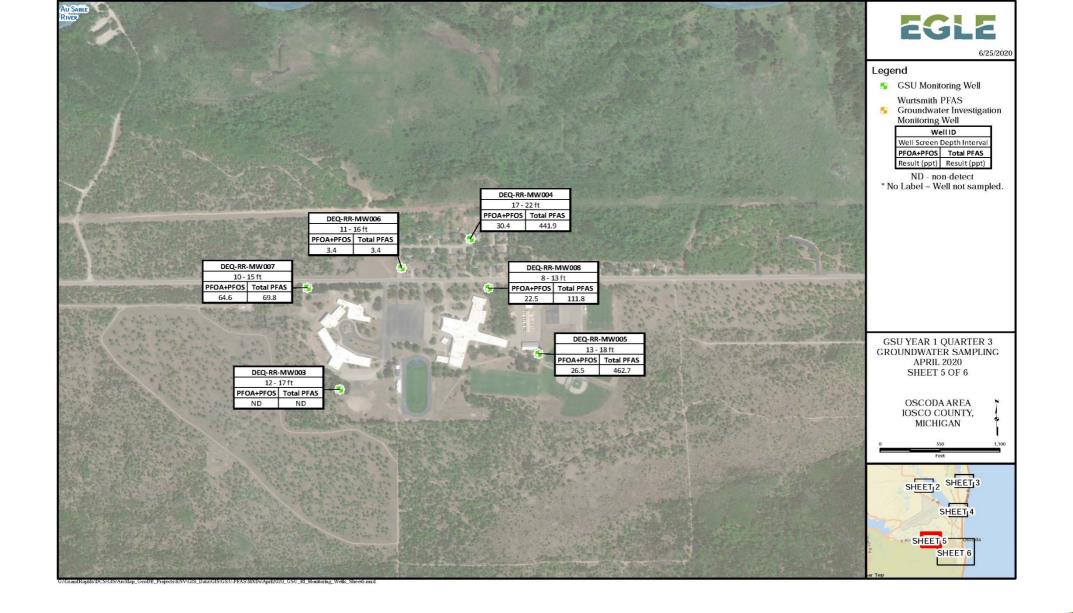


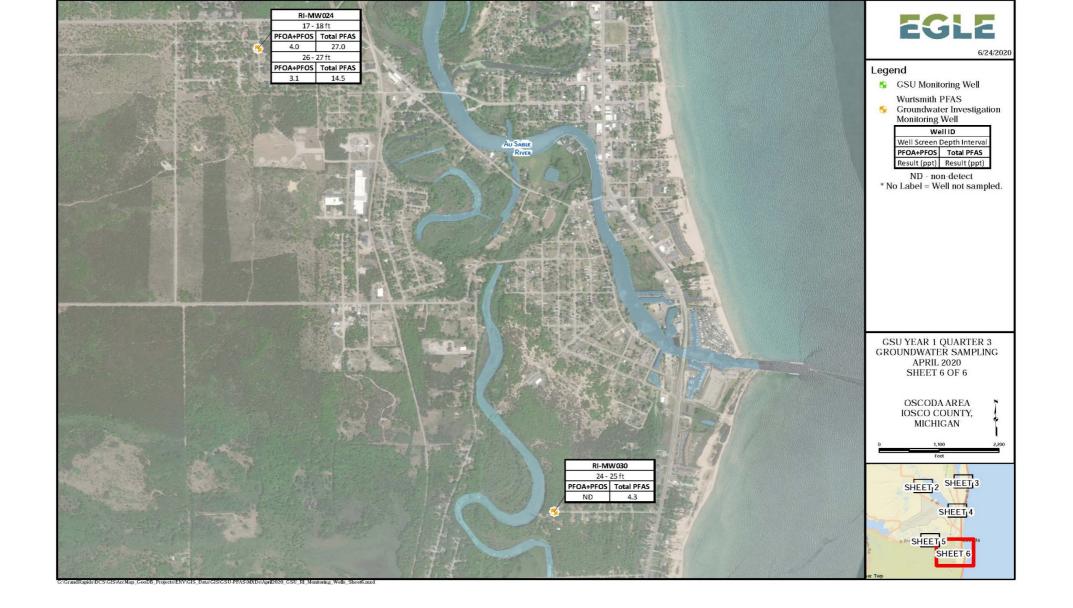












Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)

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MDHHS PFAS Comparison Values

Specific PFAS	MDHHS Screening Levels	Proposed MCLs	MDHHS Comparison Values
PFOA	9 ppt	8 ppt	8 ppt
PFOS	8 ppt	16 ppt	8 ppt
PFNA	9 ppt	6 ppt	6 ppt
PFHxS	84 ppt	51 ppt	51 ppt
PFBS	1,000 ppt	420 ppt	420 ppt
PFHxA		400,000 ppt	400,000 ppt

MDHHS Resampling Effort

Phase 1 Resampling Summary (as of July 20, 2020)

- Number of wells sampled: 272
- Number of non-detects (ND): 92
- Number of Detections: 83
- Range PFOA + PFOS: 2.04 50 ppt
- Range Total PFAS: 2.02 83 ppt
- Number exceeding MDHHS Comparison Values: 15

Foam

Naturally occurring Foam



PFAS-containing Foam



Avoid Foam

- Foam may have high amounts of PFAS
- Rinse off foam after contact





- Incidental swallowing of foam with high levels of PFAS is a concern
- Do not allow pets to drink foamy water
- Rinse pets with fresh water after contact with foam







Fish and Wildlife

- Extensive contamination of Clark's Marsh (~12,000 ppt Total PFAS)
- High levels of PFAS, mainly PFOS, measured in fish and deer
- Consumption of fish or wildlife caught from Clark's marsh is a concern. Catch and release is OK.
- EGLE is currently analyzing more fish samples from Cedar Lake,
 Van Etten Lake, and Clark's Marsh

Clark's Marsh

Type of Fish Tested	Chemical Causing MI Serving Recommendation	Size of Fish	Recommended MI Servings Per Month
Bluegill	PFOS	Any	Do Not Eat
Sunfish	PFOS	Any	Do Not Eat
All Other Species	PFOS	Any	Do Not Eat

Au Sable River

Type of Fish	Chemical Causing MI Serving Recommendation	Size of Fish	Recommended MI Servings per Month
Bluegill	PFOS	Any	Do Not Eat
Brown Trout	PCBs	Any	6 Per Year ^{2x}
Carp	PCBs	Any	Limited
Chinook Salmon	PCBs	Any	6 Per Year ^{2x}
Coho Salmon	PCBs	Any	6 Per Year ^{2x}
Largemouth Bass	PFOS	Any	Do Not Eat
Rainbow Trout	PCBs	Any	6 Per Year ^{2x}
Rock Bass	PFOS	Any	Do Not Eat
Smallmouth Bass	PFOS	Any	Do Not Eat
Steelhead	PCBs	Any	6 Per Year ^{2x}
Suckers	PFOS	Any	Do Not Eat
Sunfish	PFOS	Any	Do Not Eat
Walleye	Dioxins	Any	6 Per Year ^{2x}
All Other Species	PFOS	Any	Do Not Eat

Van Etten Lake

Type of Fish	Chemical Causing MI Serving Recommendation	Size of Fish	Recommended MI Servings per Month
Black Crappie	Mercury & PFOS	Any	4
Largemouth Bass	Mercury & PFOS	Under 17"	2
	Mercury	Over 17"	
Northern Pike	Mercury	Any	1
Smallmouth Bass	Mercury & PFOS	Under 17"	22
	Mercury	Over 17"	1
Walleye	Mercury	Any	1
White Crappie	Mercury & PFOS	Any	4

Additional Resources

- Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART) <u>www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse</u>
- More info about ESF guidelines
 <u>www.michigan.gov/EatSafeFish</u>
- Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/

Oscoda Area PFAS Exposure Evaluation Listening Sessions



- July 30, 10:30 am noon and 6:30 8:00 pm
- Letters and emails were sent to Oscoda area community members with registration information
- Also available at www.dhd2.org → PFAS Activities
- Contact us, mdhhs-pfas@michigan.gov

Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Tammy Newcomb

Water Policy Advisor

Question and Answer Session

Introduce yourself and where you're from

• Ask one question at a time so everyone can ask their questions/make a comment.

How to ask a question





Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting

Wednesday, July 22, 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Information is available at michigan.gov/pfasresponse ->
 Investigations -> losco County, Oscoda, Wurtsmith Air Force
 Base in the Community Engagement section.

Michigan.gov/PfasResponse



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Thank you