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Drinking Water Sampling Plan Established

MONROE, Mich., March 29, 2024 – The Monroe County Health Department (MCHD) will begin gathering resident contact information from those who have been affected by diesel fuel oil leak near US-23 and US-223. This includes residents who would like their onsite drinking water supply sampled.

The sampling will commence the week of April 1, 2024.

“The sampling will begin at those residences that are most likely to be affected. Generally, these include those homes immediately adjacent to areas where an oil sheen was observed in the waterway. From there, the sampling may expand outward, depending on the results nearest the waterway,” said Chris Westover, Environmental Health Director for MCHD.

Residents living with an onsite drinking water supply (well water) immediately adjacent to North Branch Ottawa River (also known as Tenmile Creek moving south), may call or email the MCHD at 734-240-7900 or eh_frontdesk@monroemi.org to provide your name, address, phone number and email address. Impacted residents will be contacted to set an appointment to collect drinking water samples.

The MCHD, along with the Michigan Departments of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) and Health and Human Services (HHS), will make a determination as sample results are received to determine if the sampling locations are to be expanded.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact the Environmental Health Division at 734-240-7900 or eh_frontdesk@monroemi.org.

The Monroe County Health Department protects the public through health promotion, disease prevention, and preservation of the environment. Local public health information and updates are available at healthymonroecounty.com and on social media (@MCHDMichigan).

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