

City of Mount Clemens- The City of Mount Clemens released the following statement today on behalf of Mayor Barb Dempsey in response to recent Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) findings regarding the city's drinking water.

Yesterday afternoon, the city received notification from the MDEQ that trace amounts of perfluorooctanic acid (PFOA) were detected in our water system and treated drinking water. These chemicals are found in many modern consumer products such as fast food wrappers, firefighting foams, waterproof fabrics, nonstick cookware, and cleaning supplies, and throughout Lake St. Clair.

"I want to assure the residents of the city that our water is safe to drink and that a boil water advisory has not been issued as there is no need" Mayor Dempsey said. City Administration will be attending a meeting with the MDEQ early next week to discuss this issue in greater detail. We strive to provide the highest quality water possible and will continue to do so.

The report indicated that these amounts were well below the reporting limit or level of quantification and should be considered estimated. According to the information provided by MDEQ, and USEPA these levels are not expected to cause adverse risk or health effects. The amount of PFOA found in the City of Mount Clemens water was .93 parts per trillion, which is well below the EPA advisory of 70 parts per trillion.

If any resident has additional questions regarding this issue, the State of Michigan Environmental Assistance Center can be contacted at 800-662-9278. Representatives may be reached to assist with your questions Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

For more information regarding PFAS in Michigan please follow this link:

<http://michigan.gov/pfasresponse>