

PROJECT UPDATE

RACER Trust is issuing this Project Update to provide information about planned follow-up work to further evaluate PFAS identified at RACER Plant 6. PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) are known as “emerging contaminants” that have only recently been identified as a potential concern at some contaminated sites. PFAS are most commonly associated with fire suppressant foams, but are also found in weather proofing materials, non-stick surface coatings and many household products. At Plant 6, PFAS is thought to be associated with former coating (e.g., painting and rust protection) operations. Sampling at Plant 6 has identified residual PFAS in groundwater that extends to the eastern Plant 6 property boundary.

In May 2019 activities will be completed in the area east of RACER Plant 6. This work is being completed under the oversight of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), formerly MDEQ, and includes the completion of soil borings and ground water sampling within the Inverness Avenue and West Ottawa Street right-of-ways (ROW) located east of Plant 6



If PFAS-impacted shallow groundwater has extended off Plant 6 to the east, there are no known exposures to the impacts. The concentrations are expected to be low and the shallow groundwater is not used as a source of drinking water. Water is supplied to the businesses and residences in the area by the Lansing Board of Water and Light. In addition, generally there are no inhalation hazards, nor risk associated with direct contact with soil or groundwater impacted with PFAS. Once the investigation is complete, RACER will complete a thorough evaluation of the data including the risk associated with any PFAS detected in groundwater east of Plant 6 and provide that evaluation to EGLE. Off-site work east of Plant 6 is scheduled to be completed during the first week of May 2019.

The week prior to drilling, all underground utilities will be located and marked with paint and flags. Work within the ROWs east of Plant 6 is expected to take 1 to 2 days to complete. Work hours will be from approximately 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. During that time, a small drill rig (see example in below photo) and support vehicles will be working within the ROW. Every effort will be made to minimize disturbance to traffic and landscaping.

Example: Small Drilling Rig in Street



The health and safety of both the public and workers are the number one priority of EGLE and RACER. Several processes and safety measures will be in place to ensure safe and effective completion of the activities to protect the public and workers, including:

- A full-time, on-site, environmental and safety consultant to oversee and manage the work crew and equipment.
- All work will be performed in accordance with a Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan. This will include establishing a “work zone” that only qualified personnel will be allowed to enter. This “work-zone” will establish physical barriers at safe distances from all moving equipment to protect bystanders who may be moving through the area.
- If necessary and weather permitting; water will be sprayed around the drilling locations to minimize dust levels.

If you have any questions, please contact either;

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More information is provided in project reports that are available at the Reference Desk at the Capital Area Public Library or, on RACER’s website – <http://www.racertrust.org/Properties/Detail?Id=13001>