



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 a few years ago 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 operations (e.g., painting and rust protection). Sampling at Plant 6 has identified several residual PFAS; most notably, perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) in groundwater that extends to the southern Plant 6 property boundary.

In March 2021, monitoring wells will be installed south of Plant 6 in the Michigan Avenue right-of-way (ROW). This work is being completed under the oversight of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), formerly MDEQ, and a required ROW permit has been obtained from the City of Lansing.



If PFOS or PFOA is present in shallow groundwater south of the Plant 6 boundary, there are no expected impacts to residents or to activities at Sexton High School. 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, there are no inhalation hazards, nor risk associated with direct contact with soil or groundwater impacted with PFOS/PFOA. Once the investigation is complete, RACER will complete a thorough evaluation of the data including potential

risk associated with any PFAS detected in groundwater and provide that evaluation to EGLE and provide a summary on the site-specific webpage (see below link). Work is scheduled to be completed in early-March 2021.

The week prior to drilling, all underground utilities will be located and marked with paint and flags. Work within the West Michigan Avenue ROW is expected to take 2 to 3 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.

If you have any questions, please contact either

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More information is provided on RACER's website – <https://www.racertrust.org/lansing18>, or in project reports that are available at the reference desk at the Capital Area Public Library.