



September 8, 2017

Re: House Street Area Update

Dear Homeowner:

Wolverine Worldwide is committed to the communities in which its employees live and work, especially the Rockford and Greater Grand Rapids area, and knows there is concern about water quality in the House Street area. Consistent with this commitment, and given the ongoing sampling of wells in the area, we wanted to give you an update on actions being taken by Wolverine Worldwide in close cooperation with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Kent County Health Department (KCHD).

Well Sampling. Earlier this summer, Wolverine learned that PFAS (see details below) were detected in water from a well in the House Street area, near property owned by Wolverine. Since then, Wolverine has been working with the DEQ and the KCHD to sample over 30 wells in the area for PFAS, and over the next several weeks will be sampling additional wells. All available results have been shared with individual homeowners, and results will continue to be shared as additional sampling takes place.

PFAS Information. PFAS were and continue to be used in or to manufacture many retail and commercial products like Teflon®, GoreTex®, carpeting, fabric protectors and stain resistant treatments (Scotchgard®), food wrappers, and more. The U.S. EPA has established a combined screening value of 70 parts per trillion (ppt) for two PFAS – PFOA and PFOS. More information about these substances is available at www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfc/docs/pfas_fact_sheet.pdf.

Wolverine Actions. Wolverine has taken the initiative to assist homeowners in the House Street area by providing bottled water and water filters certified for PFOA and PFOS to all homes where the wells have been tested, regardless of test results. Many filters have already been installed and Wolverine is in the process of scheduling installation of the others in the coming days.

Wolverine Site Investigation. Wolverine presented a workplan to the DEQ to better understand the possible presence of PFOA and PFOS at its property, which was recently approved. Preliminary work under this plan commenced last month, and additional on-site work began this week. Wolverine expects to have initial results from this work within approximately 90 days.

Town Hall Meeting. We also wanted to ensure you were aware of the upcoming town hall meeting being hosted by the Kent County Health Department (KCHD) on Tuesday, September 12, at the Rockford Fine Arts Auditorium, 4100 Kroes Street, in which Wolverine and government agencies will participate. Round-table consultations will start at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Wolverine Contact Information. If you have any questions for Wolverine about the well sampling or site investigation, or simply want to understand where we are in the process, please feel free to call or e-mail Chris Hufnagel at (616) 863-4865 or chris.hufnagel@wwwinc.com or Dave Latchana at (616) 863-4226 or david.latchana@wwwinc.com.

Wolverine understands and embraces its responsibilities as a leader in our community. As a result, we are committed to working with all appropriate agencies in their efforts to determine the status of the House Street area, and to keep the community informed along the way.



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