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Re: House Street Area Update

Wolverine Worldwide is committed to the communities in which its employees live and work, especially the Rockford, Belmont, and Greater Grand Rapids areas, and wants homeowners to be confident in the quality of their water. Consistent with this commitment, we wanted to give you an update on actions being taken by Wolverine in close cooperation with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Kent County Health Department (KCHD), and other state and local entities, and let you know that Wolverine is now offering to provide you with water delivery service and additional water filtration options.

Well Sampling. Since learning this summer that PFAS were detected in water from a well near Wolverine's House Street property, Wolverine has sampled over 300 wells in the area for PFAS. This sampling first took place in a Study Area established by MDEQ, and recently expanded to a precautionary Buffer Zone also established by MDEQ. All available results within the Study Area have been shared with individual homeowners, and additional results from the Study Area are expected within the next two weeks. Results from the Buffer Zone are expected by late October or early November.

Wolverine Actions. As you know, Wolverine has taken the initiative to assist homeowners in the House Street Study Area by providing bottled water and kitchen water filters certified for PFAS to all homes – regardless of test results. The last of these filters will be installed next week, and bottled water has continued to be delivered upon request.

We've heard from several homeowners whose wells tested at 70 ppt or higher and who have concerns about water in rooms beyond their kitchens. Each of these homeowners has been provided with additional PFAS-certified filters for those other rooms. Given that your well tested at 70 ppt or higher, we wanted to make sure you're aware that this option is available to you.

In addition, given the concerns we've heard, Wolverine would like to provide whole house filtration systems to those homeowners whose wells tested at 70 ppt or higher. These systems require individualized assessment and specialized installation, and we will work diligently with you to complete this as soon as possible. If you are interested in receiving either additional PFAS-certified filters or a whole house filtration system, please contact us by phone or e-mail to make arrangements.

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Finally, to help make delivery even more convenient for those homeowners choosing to drink bottled water, Wolverine would like to provide water delivery service through Culligan. As before, this is being done at Wolverine's expense. If you would like to take advantage of this service, please contact Culligan at (616) 791-7150 and provide your name and address.

Wolverine Site Investigation. Wolverine has been implementing a MDEQ-approved plan to assess its House Street property for PFAS. Preliminary work under this plan commenced in August, and on-site work commenced on September 5, with multiple wells drilled throughout the month of September. These wells have been settling since installation, and will be sampled beginning next week. As results from this sampling come in, they will be shared with MDEQ and the public.

Waste Removal. As you may know, barrels and other waste were recently identified at two locations near Wolverine's House Street property. Wolverine has secured permits and other authorizations needed to remove these materials, and the work is expected to commence next week and continue into the following week. All removal activities will be conducted under the oversight of MDEQ, and all materials will be disposed of in accordance with applicable law.

Wolverine Contact Information. In closing, Wolverine has been in this community for over 100 years, and plans to be here for 100 more. We understand and embrace our responsibilities as a leader in the community, and are committed to working with all appropriate agencies in their efforts to determine the status of the House Street area.

We are committed to keeping you and the community informed along the way, and would welcome the opportunity to meet with you in person to discuss any questions or concerns you have. To arrange a time that is convenient for you, please contact us at HouseStreet@wwwinc.com or (616) 866-5627. Even if you are not able to meet, please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.