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EightCAP Receives Orleans Facility Water Retest Results from MDEQ

ORLEANS – EightCAP, Inc. participated in the Michigan PFAS Action Response Team’s (MPART) initiative to proactively test certain water supplies for PFAS contamination. After test results that were released in August indicated the presence of certain PFAS compounds in EightCAP’s Orleans facility, MPART conducted a follow-up test. The state has shared the results of the follow-up test, the results of which continue to show the presence of the compounds that were initially detected.

The results from both tests showed no detectable levels of the compounds PFOS and PFOA, the two types of PFAS compounds for which the United States Environmental Protection Agency has established a non-regulatory Lifetime Health Advisory (LHA) levels. However, two PFAS compounds were detected. The initial tests results showed the compound PFBS at 180ppt, and PFHxA at 2ppt. The results that were released on September 13 showed levels of 200ppt and 3ppt, respectively. According to the MDEQ, the USEPA has not set LHA levels for these compounds because not enough is known about them.

“EightCAP took immediate action to mitigate risks that are posed by ingestion of water that contains these compounds when we received the results and to notify anyone who may have used the water,” said EightCAP President Dan Petersen. “The notices that EightCAP has received from the state, along with the summary reports, have been posted on the EightCAP website, www.8cap.org. EightCAP is committed to providing all staff, clients, and visitors with quality drinking water.”

EightCAP is working with the MPART and the Ionia County Health Department to address the presence of these compounds in its Orleans facility’s water supply. EightCAP continues to provide bottled water for drinking and cooking, work with water treatment professionals to discuss long-term measures to reduce the levels in the water supply, and to consider other measures as more information becomes available about these compounds. The agency will also continue to monitor the levels on at least a quarterly basis and cooperate with the MDEQ with regard to additional water testing and the MPART investigation.

Individuals concerned about exposure to PFAS should contact the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services’ Toxicology Hotline at 800-648-6942. Anyone seeking direct one-on-one assistance or referral to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality network of technical staff should call 800-662-9278 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. You can also send an email to deq-assist@michigan.gov.

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For information on PFOS, PFOA, and other PFAS, including possible health outcomes, the MDEQ is directing individuals to the following websites:

- State of Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART) website serving as the main resource for public information on PFAS contamination in Michigan:
www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse
- United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) website including basic information, USEPA actions, and links to informational resources: www.epa.gov/pfas
- Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) website including health information, exposure, and links to additional resources: www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas

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