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### **UPDATE on PFAS Contamination in Blair Township**

Results from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) for the two wells tested for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) levels in Blair Township have been received this morning. The wells are located near the four acre site located 900 feet west of the Blair Elementary School on a property previously known as Carl's Retreading.

PFAS levels specifically for the Blair Elementary School well were "non-detect" or no traceable contaminate was found. The private well, located adjacent to the contamination site, showed "6 parts-per-trillion." The EPA currently maintains 70 parts-per-trillion as the threshold for a health advisory level. "These results are encouraging, but more testing is needed to fully understand the extent of the contamination," said Dan Thorell, Director of Environmental Health for the Grand Traverse County Health Department.

The MDEQ still has plans to sample approximately thirty-five private wells near the area of the old Carl's Retreading site in mid-August. It will take three to six weeks to get these additional sample results. The Grand Traverse County Health Department will continue to keep the community informed of future testing results and/or any additional significant information.

Current information for PFAS in Grand Traverse County can be found at:  
<http://www.gtchd.org/2065/PFAS>

Additional information regarding PFAS can be found at:

<https://www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse>

<https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/overview.html>

<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/drinking-water-health-advisories-pfoa-and-pfos>

Any questions regarding wells or drinking water in areas near the Blair Township location should be directed to the Grand Traverse County Health Department's Environmental Health Division at 231-995-6051.

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