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Bottled Water Available to Whiteford Township Residents

MONROE, Mich., March 30, 2024 – Bottled water will be available on Sunday, March 31, 2024, beginning at 5:00 P.M. and going through 7:00 P.M. and Monday, April 1, 2024 beginning at 6:30 P.M. and going through 8:30 P.M. for those Whiteford Township residents who may be affected by the fuel oil leak at US-23 and US-223. Volunteers will be onsite to help distribute the water. Water can be picked up at 9244 Whiteford-Center Road (location of Whiteford Volunteer Fire Department), Ottawa Lake, MI, 49267.

There will be a limit of two cases of water available per household (while supplies last). The intended target households to receive the bottled water are those immediately adjacent to the North Branch Ottawa River (also known as Tenmile Creek moving south) from the US-23/US-223 intersection, extending near the state line.

“The County of Monroe and Whiteford Township are pleased to be able to provide bottled water to the Whiteford residents during this difficult time, until onsite water sampling can be conducted to ensure that the water is safe to drink. And while there is no specific distance from the impacted waterway a residence needs to be to get bottled water, it is our hope that township residents who live a further distance from the waterway will allow those very near it to secure the bottled water first. Residents with concerns about the safety of their onsite drinking water supply based on taste, smell or sight (sheen) may consider bottled water for drinking, cooking, bathing and brushing teeth,” said Chris Westover, Environmental Health Director for MCHD.

The County of Monroe would also like to thank Meijer of Monroe and Pilot Gas Station for providing the bottled water.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact the Environmental Health Division at 734-240-7900 or eh_frontdesk@monroemi.org.

The Monroe County Health Department protects the public through health promotion, disease prevention, and preservation of the environment. Local public health information and updates are available at healthymonroecounty.com and on social media (@MCHDMichigan).

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