



**August 20, 2024**

The O E Bieri Industrial Drive PFAS Area of Interest was discovered after a business owner along the O E Bieri Industrial Drive installed a new water well and conducted sampling as part of the permitting process. Initial sampling results from the well were provided to Kent County Health Department (KCHD) and identified elevated concentrations of the PFAS compound PFNA at 34 ppt (compared to the Maximum Contaminant Level of 6 ppt). In response to this exceedance, KCHD requested a second sample collection to verify the result. The second sample confirmed the initial exceedance. KCHD contacted EGLE concerning the sample and EGLE conducted additional PFAS sampling of a few commercial properties along the O E Bieri Industrial Drive. The results from this event identified one additional property with an elevated concentration of 13 ppt PFNA (compared to the Maximum Contaminant Level of 6 ppt) along O E Bieri Industrial Drive. These results led EGLE to propose a second round of sampling at residential properties along Lincoln Lake Avenue SE earlier this summer.

The second round of residential sampling in the vicinity of the O E Bieri Industrial Drive Area of Interest has now been completed and laboratory analytical results have been received and distributed to the respective property owners. This round of sampling included 11 properties in the Area of Interest and did not identify any sampling locations with results above our State of Michigan Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL). The only MCL exceedances in the area so far are the samples from the first event located along the O E Bieri Industrial Drive depicted by the red dots on the map. There were, however, three detections of PFAS compounds below MCL's in wells along Lincoln Lake Avenue SE south of Airport Road SE and north of Christopher Drive SE as depicted by the yellow dots on the sampling map. As a result of the additional detections of PFAS and out of an abundance of caution our team is proposing a third round of sampling surrounding the newly discovered detections. If your home is in this area (along Lincoln Lake Avenue SE, south of Airport Road SE and north of Christopher Drive) letters requesting access to conduct sampling will be mailed the week of August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and must be filled out and returned prior to sample collection. The source of the PFAS contamination along O E Bieri Industrial Drive is currently unclear and is still being investigated. Questions and concerns regarding this Area of Interest can be directed to my email at [Walkerj54@michigan.gov](mailto:Walkerj54@michigan.gov) or by phone at (616) 840-3567 and I will respond as soon as possible.

Thank you,  
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# O E Bieri Industrial Drive Area of Interest

Vergennes Township, Kent County, Michigan

North



## LEGEND

- Non-detect samples
- Criteria Exceedances
- Detections below Criteria



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