



Summer is just around the corner, and I hope you are able to enjoy some mask-free time outdoors. One place worth exploring is the Border-to-Border Trail as it passes through Ann Arbor.

Along this route, you will have

the opportunity to visit four dams that the city owns and operates. Coincidentally, May 31 is National Dam Safety Awareness Day. This day was established to commemorate the failure of the South Fork Dam in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, on May 31, 1889. We obviously do not need to go back that far to witness the impact and destruction of a dam failure, as we have recent experience here in Michigan on May 19, 2020, when the Edenville Dam failed in Midland, Michigan.

Over the next few years, we will commence several projects at the city's dams to ensure their continued safety and function. Examples include coating projects at Argo, Superior and Barton dams. There are also improvements planned along the embankment adjacent to the Barton Dam spillway. Since Barton Dam provides the impoundment for the city's water supply, its stability is of critical importance to the community.

A second item that warrants an update is the result of the May 4, 2021, hearing related to the Gelman litigation. At this hearing, Judge Connors ruled that the terms of the proposed Fourth Amended and Restated Consent Judgment (Proposed 4th CJ) would be implemented. The judge further stated that he would have quarterly meetings with the state, Gelman and the intervenors to assess progress and consider revisions.

The following items are included in the Proposed 4th CJ, to be implemented:

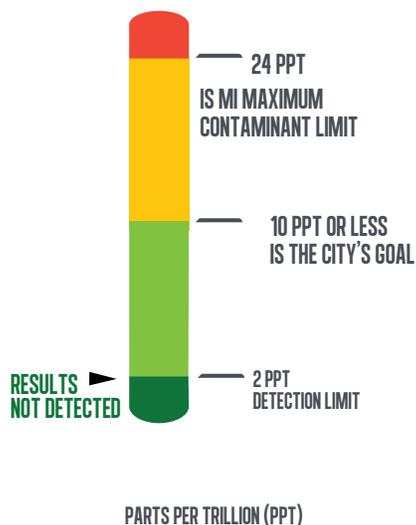
1. Additional monitoring and mapping of the contaminated groundwater.
2. Removal of additional dioxane from areas of high concentration downgradient of the source.

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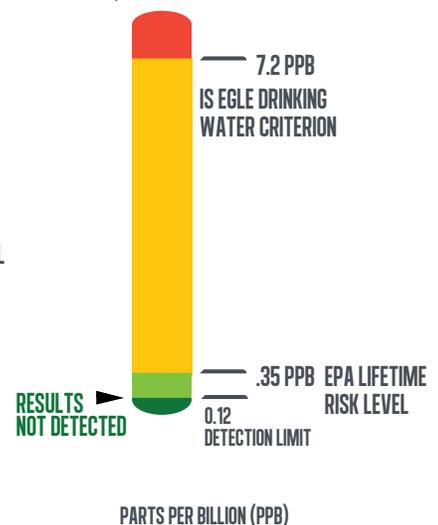
MONTHLY WATER QUALITY DASHBOARD



PFOS/PFOA



1,4-DIOXANE



What can you do to be prepared? Have a plan!

Preparedness is a priority for the City of Ann Arbor and the Office of Emergency Management. Please reference the emergency planning tips below:

- 1) Register to receive emergency alerts (the city will notify you in the event of an emergency) www.a2gov.org/alerts.
- 2) Have an evacuation plan that addresses how you will leave and where you will go (family or friends home, hotel, community shelter). If needed, identify a location that is pet-friendly.

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3. Removal and treatment of additional dioxane at the source area on the Gelman Property.
4. Expansion of the Prohibition Zone.
5. Incorporation of two new treatment technologies – phytoremediation and heated soil vapor extraction.
6. Reduces the drinking water criteria from 85 to 7.2 parts per billion of dioxane in groundwater; in agreement with changes at the state level in 2016.

Beginning Sept. 1, 2021, the parties must report back quarterly to the court for a progress update. I will continue to keep you updated as this litigation progresses.
Be well.

Brian Steglitz

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3) Develop a family communication plan and meeting location should you become separated.



4) Prepare an evacuation go-bag (including prescription medications, important family documents, and don't forget your pet's medication and food if applicable).



5) For additional resources, please visit www.ready.gov/plan.

JUNE WATER CHAMPION

Thank you to the more than 100 adults and kids who celebrated National Water Week with us in May. We hosted six virtual open houses, and 114 attendees learned about where our drinking water comes from and how Water Treatment Plant staff ensure quality water is delivered safely to homes and businesses 24/7, 365 days a year.



If you missed this opportunity but have a group of 10 or more who would like a WTP virtual tour, please complete and submit this [request form](#).

Avoid foam on lakes and rivers with high levels of PFAS

With the summer recreation season here, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) advises to avoid foam on Michigan lakes and rivers, as it's known to have perand-poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the water. Foam on these water bodies can have much higher amounts of PFAS than the water, and swallowing foam with PFAS could be a health risk.

Swimming or bathing in water containing PFAS is not a health concern because the amount of PFAS is typically low compared to the foam. Although swallowing PFAS is the main way to get it in your body, an accidental swallow of river or lake water is not a health concern. The amount of PFAS in lake and river water and in foam matters in determining if a health concern exists. MDHHS will continue to evaluate surface water and foam data and will issue further recommendations if necessary.

Health advisories for foam exist on these Michigan waterbodies:

- Van Etten Lake, Oscoda • Lake Margrethe, Grayling • Rogue River, Rockford • Thornapple River, Grand Rapids • Huron River, Southeast Michigan

PFAS foam: Can be bright white | is usually lightweight | can be sticky | tends to pile up like shaving cream | can blow onto the beach. More information about PFAS and foam is available under the PFAS Foam section at www.Michigan.gov/pfasresponse.

To report foam, fill out the [foam sighting form](#) online. You can include photos of the foam when you access this link.

Avoid Foam



Foam may have high amounts of PFAS.
Rinse off foam after contact. Rinsing in the lake or river is okay.
Bathe or shower after the day's outdoor activities.

PFAS contaminated foam can:

- Be bright white
- Be lightweight
- Pile up like shaving cream
- Be sticky
- Blow inland

Touching the water is not a health concern. Enjoy swimming, boating, and fishing.





For more information, call MDHHS at 800-648-6942 or visit www.michigan.gov/PFASresponse.





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