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STURGIS RECEIVES PFAS TEST RESULTS

STURGIS – On November 29th, the City of Sturgis received test results from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the municipal water system. These results reported that PFAS contaminates were not detected in the municipal water system.

PFAS are a group of industrial chemicals that have been used world-wide in common consumer products and manufacturing processes. PFAS have potential health implications when present in drinking water at concentrations above health advisory levels. Recent discoveries of PFAS contamination in groundwater and drinking water in several communities across Michigan have brought PFAS to the forefront of drinking water safety.

On October 5th, water from within the City of Sturgis municipal water system was sampled by MDEQ and tested for PFAS. This occurred as part of an MDEQ initiative to test all community water supplies in the state for PFAS. Based on the laboratory tests performed by the State of Michigan's consultants, PFAS was not detected in any of the three samples taken by MDEQ.

The City of Sturgis will continue to monitor water quality of the municipal system, including for PFAS. Future PFAS results will be reported along with our routine water quality testing and included in our annual "Quality on Tap" reports. A copy of the most recent version

of this report is always available on the City's website at www.sturgismi.gov/water. More information on PFAS, including results from MDEQ, is available on the City's website at www.sturgismi.gov/pfas and from the State of Michigan at www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse.

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