



September 21, 2017

Re: House Street Area Update

Dear Homeowner:

Wolverine Worldwide is committed to the communities in which its employees live and work, especially the Rockford and Greater Grand Rapids area, and knows there is concern about water quality in the House Street area. Consistent with this commitment, and given the ongoing sampling of wells in the area, we wanted to give you an update on actions being taken by Wolverine Worldwide in close cooperation with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Kent County Health Department (KCHD), and to let you know that Wolverine is voluntarily offering to sample your well for substances known as PFAS.¹

Study Area and Site Investigation. Earlier this summer, Wolverine learned that PFAS were detected in water from a well in the House Street area, near property owned by Wolverine. Since then, we have been working with the DEQ and the KCHD to sample over 100 wells for PFAS within a study area established by the DEQ. This study area was established using sound investigative principles, and represents the focus of the work right now.

In addition to sampling wells, Wolverine is also implementing a DEQ-approved workplan to better understand the possible presence of PFAS at its property. Preliminary work under this plan commenced in August, and on-site work commenced on September 5. We expect to have initial results from this work within approximately 80 days.

Wolverine Actions. Wolverine, MDEQ, and KCHD have heard from many homeowners like you, whose homes are outside the study area and who have concerns or questions about their water. We want area homeowners to be confident in the quality of their water and, to this end, worked with the DEQ this week as it established a precautionary "buffer zone" extending well beyond the current study area.

The results and investigation to-date do not indicate that homes, like yours, located within the buffer zone have been impacted or need to be sampled, but to help residents and respond to their concerns, Wolverine is voluntarily offering to sample your well for PFAS, and to provide you with bottled water while waiting for your results.

¹ PFAS were and continue to be used in or to manufacture many retail and commercial products like Teflon®, GoreTex®, carpeting, fabric protectors and stain resistant treatments (Scotchgard®), food wrappers, and more. The U.S. EPA has established a combined screening value of 70 parts per trillion (ppt) for two PFAS – PFOA and PFOS – with this number based on exposure to these substances over a period of 70 years, drinking two liters of water per day. More information about these substances is available at www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfc/docs/pfas_fact_sheet.pdf.

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Next Steps and Contact Information. Rose & Westra, the environmental engineers who will be conducting the sampling, will contact you in the coming days regarding scheduling and logistics. Once samples are taken, results can be expected from the lab within approximately four weeks, and will be communicated to you.

Wolverine has been in this community for a hundred years and plans to be here for a hundred more. We're committed to ensuring that you can be confident in the quality of your water, and will be working with all appropriate agencies to keep the community informed along the way.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Wolverine at HouseStreet@wwwinc.com or (616) 866-5627, or Rose & Westra at House-Street@gza.com or (616) 258-7234.