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Quality Water Matters

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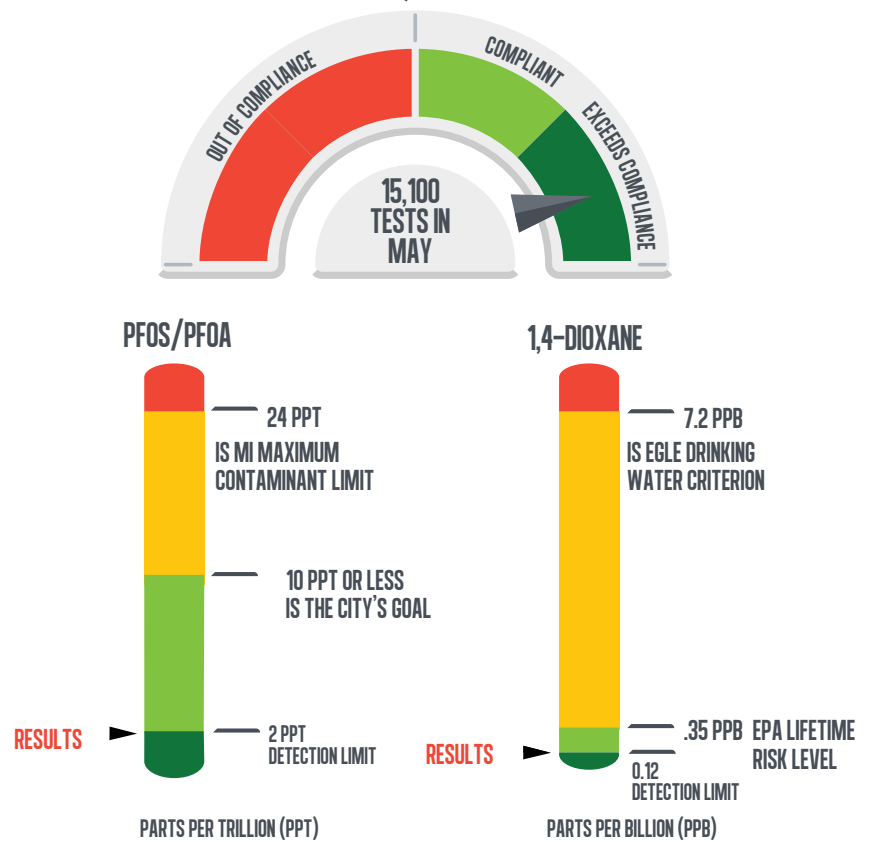
This month I would like to take the opportunity to update you on our plans to ensure the city's water supply is protected from the migration of 1,4-dioxane toward the Huron River at Barton Pond. Many

of you are aware of the Gelman Plume, but for those of you who may not be, Gelman Science used 1,4-dioxane from the mid 1960's to the mid 1980's in its manufacturing processes on Wagner Road. Wastewater from these processes was disposed in lagoons on this site and is the source of the groundwater contamination that is migrating eastward through Ann Arbor and toward the Huron River. The city's drinking water wells and Huron River source water are monitored regularly for 1,4-dioxane. Results are typically non-detect and always below EPA's lifetime risk level for 1,4-dioxane. Nevertheless, we continue to monitor the spread of the plume very closely and will be installing additional monitoring wells.

In March 2020, Tetra Tech completed a [report](#) identifying the preferred locations of Sentinel Monitoring Wells that will provide an early warning system to the city should the contamination migrate toward the city's drinking water supply. The city will be installing these wells later this year. View a four-minute [Sentinel Monitoring Well Installation video](#) to learn about this installation project.

Wells will be installed at two locations: Sequoia Parkway greenspace southwest of the intersection of Maple Road and Miller Avenue and Garden Homes Park. Multiple aquifers are expected to be encountered in this area and the groundwater will be sampled at various elevations to determine where the 1,4-dioxane may be traveling. This information will be used to determine the final well depths. Once installed, the city will routinely collect groundwater samples

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Staff from the May 2022 Water Treatment Open House.

for 1,4-dioxane to determine if the plume is migrating to the north. If detected, the city would then execute response plans which could include installing additional wells to better understand the rate that the contamination is moving. Community members who are interested in more information about the Gelman Plume including current water quality sampling data, can visit the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy Gelman Sciences [webpage](#).

On a separate note, I wanted to thank the nearly 150 people who attended our open house at the Water Treatment Plant on May 7. You can view a video about the event [online](#). After a two-year hiatus, staff were happy to give customers a look into how water in Ann Arbor is treated and answer questions. We were fortunate to partner again with the Huron River Watershed Council, who hosted an informational booth at the Open House and continue to advocate for protection of our watershed. In addition to a tour of the water plant facilities, attendees participated in a scavenger hunt as well as a blind taste test to see if they could pick out Ann Arbor water from a group of three different sources. If you didn't get an opportunity to attend, but are interested in touring our facility, you can request a group tour [online](#).

As always, if you have questions about your water quality, please reach out to us at water@a2gov.org.

Sincerely,

Brian Steglitz

Brian Steglitz, PE, Manager of Water Treatment Services, F-1 Licensed Operator

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The City of Ann Arbor uses [Washtenaw County's emergency notification system](#) powered by Everbridge to make sure you know about issues that may affect your safety, including boil water advisories, floods or other emergency events. This system allows the City of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County to contact thousands of residents and businesses quickly via phone, email or text. To register, visit www.washtenaw.org/alerts and create a new Everbridge account.

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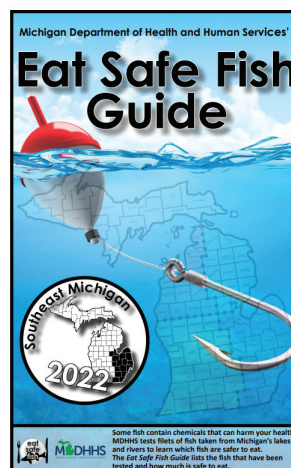
Pick up pet waste

We all play a part in helping keep our water clean, even while walking the dog! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bj0KTYtfY4Y>

Event Green Fair: Friday, June 10 6-9 p.m.

During Green Fair, downtown Main Street and the Library Lane lot will be open to pedestrians to explore a multitude of exhibits showcasing local green businesses and non-profits, along with A2ZERO collaborators. Stop by to learn what you can do to help us achieve our carbon neutrality goals and forge a cleaner, greener future for you and our planet! Visit the [event page](#) to learn more.

A promotional poster for the "GREEN FAIR '22" event. The title "GREEN FAIR '22" is at the top in large, green, outlined letters. Below the title, there are three columns of text: "Efficient appliances", "Live entertainment", and "Electric vehicles" in the first column; "Friday, June 10th 6:00-9:00pm" and "Downtown Main St. & Library Lane" in the second column; and "Green commuting", "Solar installers", and "Solar displays" in the third column. At the bottom, there is a logo for "A2ZERO" with the tagline "EQUITABLE • SUSTAINABLE • TRANSFORMATIVE" and illustrations of green buildings, a person on a bicycle, and solar panels.



Do not eat fish PFAS Advisory Reminder

Read the complete [Eat Safe Fish Washtenaw County Guidelines](#).