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Meeting Scheduled for Well-Testing Project

In 2020, the Ohio Department of Health informed Butler Township that sampling of drinking water from public water systems at the Aullwood Farm Discovery Center had detected contaminants known as PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances). PFAS, a group of manmade chemicals used in many consumer goods, can enter a drinking-water source through runoff, spillage or leakage into the soil. For the past three years, the township has been working with residents and partnering agencies to determine the extent of the contamination and offer solutions.

In January 2022, the township entered into an agreement with Montgomery County for technical assistance to develop a program to test private wells. In July, the county hired Bennett and Williams Environmental Consultants Inc. to administer the sampling program and develop a contingency plan that would assist residents in identifying water-treatment options and potable-water



alternatives. The firm tested 154 private wells for residents in the Recommended Testing Area, who registered for the sampling program.

As the program's final phase, a public meeting will be held where Bennett & Williams will present a summary of the sampling results; the latest PFAS regulatory changes; and an analysis of existing,

future, and potential public water lines. Affected residents are welcome to attend, even if they chose not to have their well tested. Here are the details:

Well-Testing Results Presentation

When: Thursday, April 13, 6-8 p.m.

Where: Butler Township Meeting Hall, 3780 Little York Rd.

The contingency plan, details about PFAS and health-effects information can be found on Butler Township's website at butlertownship.com/administration/township-videos/water-contamination-issue.