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**New Baltimore-** The City of New Baltimore released the following statement today on behalf of Mayor John Dupray in response to recent Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) findings regarding the city's drinking water.

Yesterday afternoon, the city received notification from the MDEQ that trace amounts of per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFOA and PFOS) were detected in our water intake system and treated drinking water. These chemicals are found in many modern consumer products such as fast food wrappers, firefighting foams, waterproof fabrics, nonstick cookware, and cleaning supplies, and throughout Lake St. Clair.

"I want to assure the residents of the city that their water is safe to drink and that a boil water advisory has not been issued as there is no need" Mayor Dupray said. "I will be attending a meeting with the MDEQ early next week to discuss this issue in greater detail. We strive to provide the highest quality water possible and will continue to do so."

The report indicated that these amounts were well below the reporting limit or level of quantification and should be considered estimated. According to the information provided by MDEQ, these levels are not expected to cause adverse health effects. The amount of PFOA and PFOS found in the City of New Baltimore's water was 2.533 parts per trillion, which is well below the EPA advisory of 70 parts per trillion.