



PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

About the Wickes Manufacturing Trichloroethylene (TCE) Plume, Antrim County, MI

February 9, 2022, 6:00 PM

Virtual via Zoom Webinar – Register at <https://bit.ly/3EWJ2Lf>

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) will hold a public information meeting to provide an update on the movement of the TCE contaminated groundwater and the extension of the municipal drinking system. Residents, property owners, and the interested public are encouraged to attend. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, the Mancelona Area Water and Sewer Authority (MAWSA), and MAWSA's engineering firm – Performance Engineering – will also participate in the meeting.

BACKGROUND

The Wickes Manufacturing TCE Plume Site (Site) consists of a plume of TCE in the groundwater that extends from the release area in Mancelona and flows to the northwest, beyond Shanty Creek Road.

TCE is a man-made, cancer-causing chemical that was used routinely in parts degreasers. TCE was released to the ground prior to the mid-1960s at this former auto part manufacturing facility. All companies that operated at this location went out of business many years ago. As a result, EGLE funds have been used to address the contamination and to extend municipal drinking water.

EGLE and Wood, its subcontractor, continue to monitor the expansion of the TCE groundwater plume. The plume expands at a rate of approximately 300-400 feet per year.

In 2018, TCE was detected in samples collected from a residential well in Summit Village Association and municipal water was extended to this area. In 2021, TCE was detected in the groundwater from drinking water wells near Troon Road, this demonstrates a widening of the plume footprint over time. The TCE plume will continue to expand into areas without municipal drinking water.

Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI) funding from a 1998 bond continues to address the contamination, to fund the investigations and to fund MAWSA. MAWSA supplies safe drinking water to impacted areas. EGLE has secured CMI funds for a phased expansion of the existing MAWSA water supply line into the Summit Valley Association to supply safe drinking water to homes and parcels that may become impacted. Phase I and II of the project is funded and expected to be completed in 2022.

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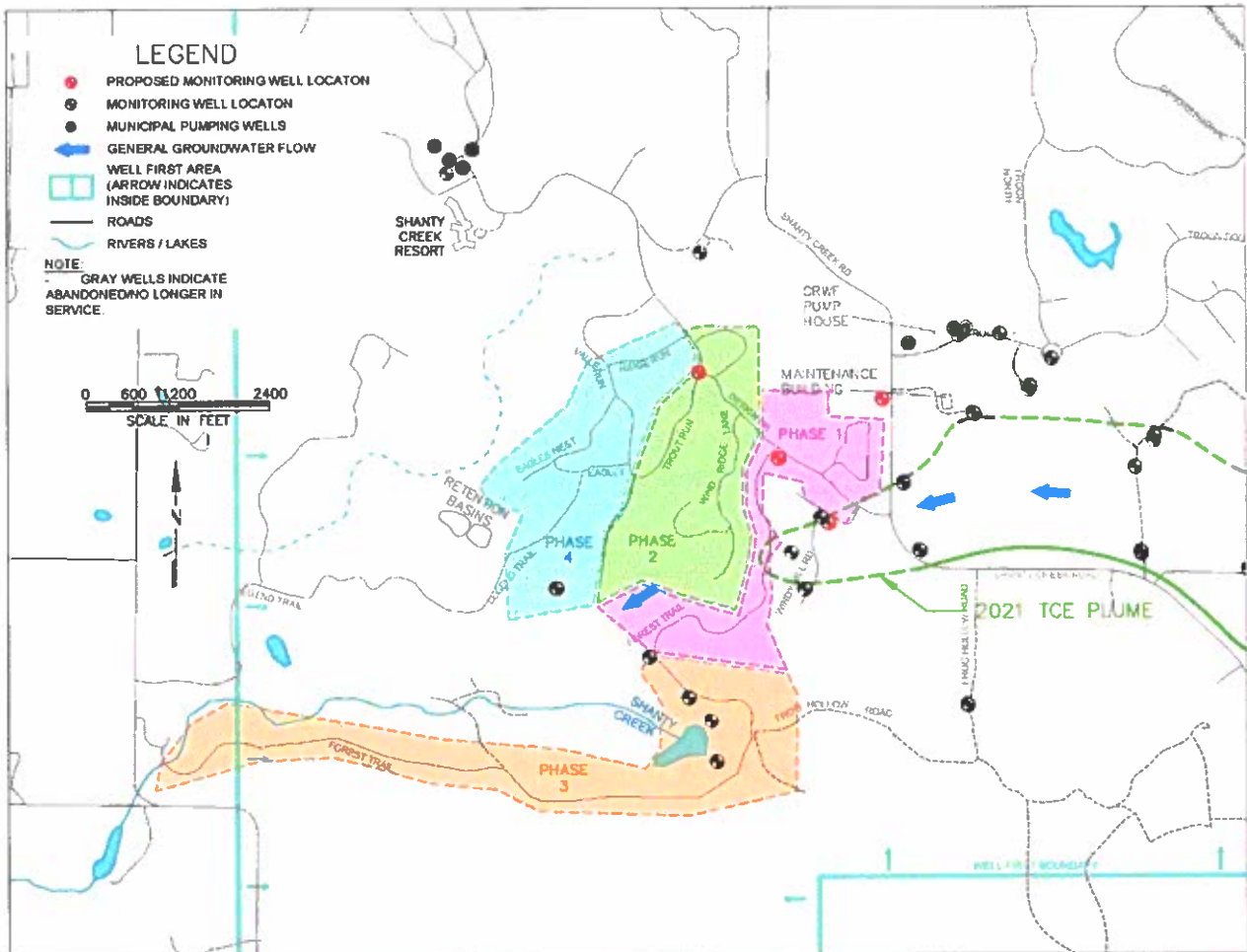
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EGLE and Wood will also be expanding the existing monitor well network to continue to monitor the expansion of the TCE groundwater plume.



Map of the Wickes TCE Plume Investigation Areas

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MORE INFORMATION

You can find up-to-date information online at Michigan.gov/RenewMI, including:

- Fact Sheet
- Wickes TCE Plume Web Mapping Application

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