



Department of Environmental Protection

McGilpin Road in Sturbridge Project Update for the Week of February 14, 2017

MassDEP conducted additional sampling on McGilpin Road on February 8, 2017. This latest round consisted of resampling at 4 homes as well as new sampling at 5 homes. The third round of sampling showed low levels of 1,4 dioxane in 1 home. Additionally, 7 homes had detections of lead. MassDEP continues to provide bottled water to all homes with detections of either lead or dioxane. MassDEP will be evaluating the data collected and plans to resample at all homes that have only one sample round completed to date as well as sample one new home. Sampling will take place later this week or next week.

Sampling will continue at intervals of 500 feet around each new detection. This will continue until no detections are discovered. MassDEP is reviewing private well data provided by the Sturbridge Board of Health and individual residents as part of its investigation. At a neighborhood meeting on Monday, February 13th, MassDEP committed to working the Sturbridge Board of Health to ensure information on lead in drinking water is available to Sturbridge residents. We are also assisting the Board of Health in providing information and resources to residents who want to independently have their wells tested. We will provide a link to the Sturbridge Board of Health website once that information is available.