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### MEDIA RELEASE

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Out of an abundance of caution going into the holiday weekend, District Health Department No. 2, and the Michigan Departments of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and Environmental Quality (DEQ) are recommending that visitors to Van Etten Lake avoid ingesting foam that may occur at beaches or on the shorelines.

Skin contact with the foam is not considered to be of concern. Previous testing of the foam from Van Etten Lake did not show polyfluoroalkly substance (PFAS) levels that would be expected to harm human health. As a result of additional testing of foam, higher levels of PFAS have been found which require additional testing and analysis.

For more information about shoreline foam, please [see this report from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality](#) or visit the MDEQ website at [www.michigan.gov/deq](http://www.michigan.gov/deq). Residents with questions or concerns may call MDHHS at 1-800-648-6942.