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## WOLVERINE WORLDWIDE ANNOUNCES SAFE WATER RESULTS FOR EAST ROCKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

### *Rockford and Plainfield Municipal Water Systems Also Tested as Safe*

**ROCKFORD, Mich., Oct. 25, 2017** – Wolverine Worldwide today announced safe water results from wells tested at East Rockford Middle School and a property along Ramsdell Drive in Cannon Township.

These results have been shared with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Kent County Health Department (KCHD), Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Cannon Township, and Dr. Michael Shibley, superintendent of Rockford Public Schools.

In partnership with the MDEQ, these wells were tested for the presence of perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), including PFOA and PFOS. No PFAS were detected in any wells at either the Middle School or at the Ramsdell Drive property. Additionally, recent tests on the Rockford and Plainfield municipal water systems also confirmed safe water for residents.

“As we had expected, the test of water samples from East Rockford Middle School and the Ramsdell property confirm safe water,” said Chris Hufnagel, senior vice president of strategy for Wolverine Worldwide. “The waste at the property on Ramsdell Drive was primarily construction debris with a few leather and rubber scraps, and PFAS were not detected in the wells. Based on our review, we confirmed this waste was disposed of in the 1970s with the permission of the landowner at the time. We appreciate the current property owner bringing this to the MDEQ’s attention.”

Wolverine remains dedicated to transparency and proactively testing sites identified by the MDEQ so residents will have confidence in their water. Wolverine continues to collaborate with local and state agencies on this issue, and fully supports the current course of action.

To provide regular updates to homeowners and the public, the Company has established a dedicated information portal at [www.wolverineworldwide.com/about-us/environment](http://www.wolverineworldwide.com/about-us/environment). At this portal, the community will receive important updates from Wolverine, along with answers to Frequently Asked Questions. Additionally, any residents with questions or concerns are encouraged to contact the Company directly at (616) 866-5627 or [HouseStreet@wwinc.com](mailto:HouseStreet@wwinc.com).

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