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## MDOT delaying start of I-475 construction in Genesee County

### Fast facts:

- MDOT is delaying the start of I-475 construction in Genesee County due to soil testing.
- Staff estimate the project will resume within two weeks.
- This work is part of a \$44 million investment to reconstruct and repair 18 miles of I-475 through Genesee County.

**March 8, 2019** – The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has delayed the start of I-475 construction in Genesee County. Work was expected to begin Monday, March 11, and may be delayed for up to two weeks due to soil testing. In order to ensure safety if the soil is reused on site or leaves the workzone, testing must be complete before work begins. Due to the potential for PFAS MDOT initially reached out to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to ensure complete and accurate soil testing ahead of planned excavation work. “We wanted to be certain we wouldn’t run into delays after starting construction,” said Region Engineer Robert Ranck, Jr. “It’s far too inconvenient for the motoring public if we close and detour traffic only to learn later that testing results are still forthcoming with the added potential for additional site cleanup.”

Region staff expect work to resume within two weeks of the original start date. Additional details can be viewed on the project press release:  
<https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,4616,7-151--491592--,00.html>

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