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**Town of Peshtigo endorses EPA proposal
designating PFOA and PFOS as HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES**

On August 26, 2022 the EPA published a press release announcing it is taking a significant action under [Administrator Regan's PFAS Strategic Roadmap](#) to protect people and communities from the health risks posed by certain PFAS, also known as "forever chemicals." The EPA is proposing to designate two of the most widely used per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), also known as "Superfund." This rulemaking would increase transparency around releases of these harmful chemicals and help to hold polluters accountable for cleaning up their contamination.

The Town of Peshtigo Board continues to work aggressively toward permanent safe drinking water for residents living within the PFAS contamination plume and welcomes federal support. "This could be significant in addressing our community's contamination. If approved it could simultaneously address our desperate need for remediation and help ensure those responsible for contaminating our water supply are held accountable" said Cindy Boyle, Town of Peshtigo Chair. "Our community's remarkable ability to stay united, aligned with this EPA announcement gives further optimism toward safe outcomes".