



TOP News on Water: August, 2022

Committee Mission: *"To achieve a permanent safe drinking water solution, within the current site investigation area in the Town of Peshtigo, at the expense of the identified responsible party."*

TIMELINE UPDATES:

JULY, 2022

7/1: Sent invitations to all elected officials and candidates for an open forum question and answer session specific to the PFAS contamination impacting our community on August 4th, 2022 at our monthly Water Committee meeting.

7/13: Participated in an EPA Federal Infrastructure BIL funding webinar. Nationally there are \$5 Billion in States Revolving Funds Programs. Over the next 5 years Grants and loans are being made available for small and underserved communities (definition still being finalized). These funds can be used in addressing PFAS as well as infrastructure capital builds through the Clean Water Revolving Fund and Drinking Water Revolving Fund. A substantial amount of these funds are available as grants and forgivable loans. Planning and design are eligible. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-water-infrastructure-funding-states-through-bipartisan-infrastructure>

7/13: Tyco/JCI Environmental Consultant, Arcadis, reported to Marinette School District that school irrigation wells had exceeded safety standards for PFAS. Interim city water hook-up will be put in place to reduce this risk. [Marinette High School IRR-01 IRR-02 Sample Results 220713.pdf\](#)

7/20: Governor Evers and State Attorney General Kaul announce statewide lawsuit due to PFAS contamination: <https://www.wearegreenbay.com/news/local-news/evers-kaul-file-lawsuit-against-3-wi-manufacturers-for-pfas-contamination-of-wisconsin-water/#:~:text=The%20announcement%20was%20made%20Wednesday%2C%20July%2020%2C%20that,direct%20contamination%20of%20water%2C%20property%20and%20natural%20resources.>

7/27: Participation in Informational Webinar: EPA allocation of \$18 Million for Training and Technical Assistance for Small, Rural, and Tribal Wastewater Improvements <https://www.epa.gov/small-and-rural-wastewater-systems/tools-training-and-technical-assistance-small-and-rural>

7/28: New Report Calls for Expanded PFAS Testing for People With History of Elevated Exposure, Offers Advice for Clinical Treatment

<https://www.nationalacademies.org/news/2022/07/new-report-calls-for-expanded-pfas-testing-for-people-with-history-of-elevated-exposure-offers-advice-for-clinical-treatment>

8/1: \$1.667 Million for the Town of Peshtigo was announced by Senator Baldwin in the Senate's draft of the FY23 appropriates bill anticipated for approval end of this calendar year.

8/1: The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced that new administrative rules for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, known as PFAS, are now in effect. Two rules set regulatory standards for PFAS in drinking water and surface water and the third rule sets requirements for using PFAS-containing firefighting foam. The rules will provide a better understanding of where PFAS are located in Wisconsin, require actions to correct contamination when it is found and reduce additional contamination.

If the PFAS compounds are found at levels higher than allowed by the standards in either drinking water or regulated discharges to surface water, steps to reduce the contamination will be required. While these rules don't impact Wisconsinites on private drinking wells, it is a first step in a very long process.

The third rule replaces the emergency rule for PFAS-containing firefighting foam that has been in effect since December 2020. It was developed as part of [s. 299.48, Wis. Stats.](#), which prohibits the use of foam with intentionally added PFAS except in emergency situations or during testing purposes. The rule provides information regarding appropriate storage, containment, treatment and disposal.

Ongoing: Pre-development funding grants and sources are actively being investigated, including through USDA RD Emergency Grant, Environmental Policy Innovation Center, WDNR: SDWLP and Clean Water Fund Program, WDOA and Senator Baldwin's earmarked funding request and Governor Evers office.

- EPA updated advisory Health Advisory levels: of .004 parts per trillion (ppt) for per fluoro octanoic acid (PFOA) and .02 ppt for per fluoro octane sulfonic acid (PFOS) GenX chemicals = 10 ppt and PFBS = 2,000 ppt

Talk about orders of magnitude! The new advisory for PFOA is 17,500 times lower than the old 70 ppt. (70 / .004). The new level for PFOS is 3,500 times lower. <https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2022-06/drinking-water-ha-pfas-factsheet-communities.pdf>

- **Resource for comparing Water and Blood Testing Data:** <https://pfas-exchange.org/>
- **Affordable Water Testing Resource:** <https://cyclopure.com/product/water-test-kit-pro/>

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