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PFAS Update-

A few weeks ago, the DNR published the Wood Environmental groups PFAS test results of the 550+ tests which have been conducted on the island. It showed that roughly 13 of the locations tested show no detectable levels of PFAS on the day they were tested.

The 500+ tests include the OS Group which was hired by the City of La Crosse in initial PFAS studies, independent tests performed by residents and those the DNR contracted with Wood to do. If you have done testing on your own, we encourage you to share your results with the Town of Campbell, if you haven't already done so.

A copy of the report is posted online. It gives address by address information about PFAS levels on the day the test was conducted.

We know from other communities in WI, plumes of PFAS contamination are affected by many things including ground water levels, river levels, seasonal changes and potentially other factors.

Water levels and conditions change daily. If you tested your drinking water every day for a week you would see varying levels of contamination. That said, PFAS doesn't diminish over time. That is why we are on an island wide water advisory. The Culligan bottled water is the only water which we know does not have a level of PFAS associated with it.

The status of the multi-billion dollar infrastructure bill is still pending in Congress. Currently, some funding for water infrastructure improvements is included in its present form. However, there are no guarantees what the final version of this bill may look like and if and when it will be passed.

I encourage every resident to contact all of their federal representatives and tell your personal story of PFAS contamination. Without your voice this is a sterile bill which has no impact to those in Congress.

Make it known that safe drinking water should be a basic human right in WI and nationwide.

Supervisor Lee Donahue