

A small group of people met with Sen. Tammy Baldwin in person to discuss PFAS and the effect on residents and the town. Sen. Baldwin had a limited amount of time and I was grateful for her interest and candid discussion. I am still pursuing funding options which may help us work toward our long term solution.

The EPA states they anticipate releasing a Health Advisory Level (HAL) for PFAS in June 2022. That will help pave the way for the EPA to set a "draft" maximum contaminate level (MCL) this Nov. 2022. The current EPA **lifetime advisory** is 70 parts per trillion which was established in 2016. Since that time additional research suggests the EPA will lower the MCL to something closer to 20 ppt or less. That would mirror what the WDNR recommended in Feb 2022.

Recently the Judge administering the lawsuit in Waukesha county, concluded that it was appropriate to uphold the stay of execution as the lawsuit the WMC has brought against the DNR plays out on appeal. The WMC is suing the DNR saying the DNR lacks legal authority to enforce PFAS standards. This week the JCAR decided not to contest the NRB's recommendations of PFAS standards for municipal and surface water, which allows the Gov. to sign the recommendations into law. In Feb. the NRB failed to set a groundwater standard which affects communities like us.

I continue to be actively involved in many State and Federal PFAS advisory groups who meet every few weeks to discuss how our communities can move forward to address toxic PFAS contamination. These communities share information, and collaborate.

Margaret Larson and I have discussed a potential pilot program between the Town and the County for an educational program, and methods to safely dispose of POU and POET filters. Currently the state does not have any mechanism to dispose of highly concentrated and contaminated filters. I will continue the conversation with the county and hopefully we will be able to agree on a 6 -month pilot project to safely store these types of filters so they do not end up in the trash which goes to the WTE plant.

I continue working with Thriving Earth Exchange Project Manager/Coach **Erin Cunningham**. We are developing job descriptions for scientists who can help us with researchers who will assist us in hydrogeomorphic studies assessing the various aquifers in our region. Additional studies on economic impact to residents and businesses; ground water flow in relation to elevations in the Black River and Lake Onalaska; and PFAS uptake and depuration in fish and other organisms may also be studied.

This is an election year and I encourage everyone to question their elected leaders about PFAS, funding, potential remedies and more. More than 100 communities in WI are facing some form of water contamination. I truly believe it should be on everyone's radar. We need legislators who are committed to working with communities who are contaminated through no fault of their own.