

The county approved a plan to provide \$100,00 of funding (in 2022) to assist the Town of Campbell with PFAS research for a long-term safe water solution. The Town plans to drill a test well into the bedrock and has asked the County to disburse those already approved funds.

Groundwater standards in the State of Wisconsin may be back on the horizon.

The notice for the NRB to approve a preliminary hearing is scheduled for Oct. 26th. This could help pave the way for a groundwater standard. There are basically three steps to promulgating rules for the DNR in Wisconsin. The first step is to identify a contaminant and the possible existence of that contaminant. The second step is to work with the DHS to develop health advisories based on scientific research and evidence-based studies of that contaminant. The third step involves the NRB approving the DNR to start a process of setting "standards".

Many people contacted me regarding the DNR news release of Oct. 3rd, 2022. The Town of Campbell is under a DHS health advisory for PFAS in our groundwater. PFAS concentrations have not shown a correlation between well depth in the sand and alluvial aquifer. In at least one case a deeper well (than average 67 foot) has shown elevated levels of PFAS compared to their neighbors. The reason we are under a DHS health advisory is due to the fact that no well in the sand and alluvial aquifer has shown to be safe from the PFAS contamination. Drilling a deeper well into the same aquifer is not expected to improve your ability to avoid PFAS in your water. It may actually draw contamination deeper into the aquifer and risk contaminating other potential safe water sources.

The joint Campbell/County filter collection pilot program is underway. Soon you can expect to find a postcard about the filter disposal program in your mailbox. The goal is to create greater awareness of the environmental concerns posed by disposing spent filters in the trash, and gain greater compliance with this new disposal method.

Campbell's partnership with the Thriving Earth Exchange continues. The first hydrogeologists from UW-Madison took soil samples this month from a public park. The professors and their students will continue conducting water and soils samples to better understand how the river elevations affect PFAS in our groundwater and PFAS contaminant movement through our groundwater table.

The USGS Tap water study is expected to be completed by the end of October.

Our collaboration with USGS UMESC and the WI geological survey continues and we hope it will help inform decisions for our community and others affected by PFAS contamination.

Thanks!