

Since we last spoke, I've had numerous meetings discussing state and county wide funding for PFAS research and remediation. This includes meetings with the DNR regarding Bipartisan Infrastructure Law money which will funnel from the federal to state government to pay for loans, grants and infrastructure related to safe water.

Last month Chairman Johnson and I spoke at the County Board meeting (on the behalf of the Town of Campbell) asking for \$500,000 for additional funding for research to be conducted by USGS (Upper Midwest Water Sciences Center & Upper Mississippi Environmental Sciences Center) and the WI Geological and Natural History Survey. The research will help update 20-year-old studies, on ground water flow and modeling. The updated research will help model fate and transport of the PFAS plumes which have contaminated our ground water. We know the PFAS plumes are moving and growing it's important to Campbell and the County to know which communities may be affected in the near and not too distant future. The studies will also help assess the effects of future ground-water withdrawals and to provide a tool to evaluate water-management programs.

Tomorrow I will testify before the Natural Resources Board to continue the scope process for groundwater standards. This meeting will not "set" standards, the NRB members will merely a vote yes or no to continue the DNR scope process.

We are still expecting the EPA to announce either a Maximum Contaminant Goal or a treatment action level for PFOA/OS and PFBS/Gen-X before Jan 2023. This is in response to the new EPA HAL's that were released a few months ago.

The Test Well has been approved in addition to the necessary permits associated with pumping and discharge. This well is expected to be drilled in the next 30 days. Construction and testing will likely last through March 2023, perhaps longer.

Thanks to all who have deposited spent water filters at Town Hall to prevent them from ending up at the Waste to Energy facility. I am asking the county to consider extending this pilot program as we encourage more residents to be conscientious of their filter disposal. This will help generate greater awareness of the environmental concerns posed by disposing spent filters in the trash, with the goal to gain greater compliance with this new disposal method. I thank our county partners as we are the only county in the state with specific guidelines for this safe disposal.

We are coordinating with USGS, DNR and DHS to schedule the public presentation of the Tap Water findings in 2023. As we move forward this is invaluable information identifying other potential contaminants in shallow and deep-water sources.

I'm grateful for all of our community partners at the county, state, and federal level who share the goal of identifying a sustainable safe water source and funding to pay for it. If you or your neighbors have questions about PFAS please do not hesitate to contact me.