

Nelson Drilling mobilized their equipment to Wardwell Park last week. They are actively drilling. They have reached rock and they are collecting soil and rock samples. They will continue their geophysical logging. The casing of the well and grout procedures will continue this week. Some pumping tests may begin next week. Additional testing and monitoring will likely last through March 2023.

Unfortunately, the representative from Davy Engineering could not join us tonight. I can answer some basic questions about the project. For more detailed questions I'll defer to Chairman Johnson, or Alex at Davy Engineering.

Sen. Baldwin's office announced that Wisconsin will receive over \$25.2 million from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to address emerging contaminants and forever chemicals, like (PFAS) in drinking water. There is a handout with greater detail on the table.

I was invited to attend a virtual meeting with members of the State Senate on PFAS earlier this month. The new DNR secretary Adam Payne, has declared PFAS a priority in WI. I expect we will hear much more about PFAS standards and remediation in the upcoming legislative session.

Campbell, USGS, Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey, and other partners are working on the scope of work for the ground water study funded by the County. We expect some initial plans with a summary document to be possibly presented at the March 6th County meeting.

The EPA announcement on a Maximum Contaminant Goal or a treatment action level for PFOA/OS and PFBS/Gen-X. is now expected to be published by the end of March. This is in response to the new EPA HAL's released last summer.

The County has agreed to extend our filter disposal pilot program for another 6 months. Campbell and La Crosse County are the only municipalities in Wisconsin who have a PFAS filter disposal program. So far we have collected a full 55 gallon drum. I thank you all for participating in that program to keep these filters out of the WTE facility.

The USGS-UMESC facility east of the airport will host the March 13th USGS National Tap Water presentation at 6PM. This will include data on approximately 12 sites that were monitored on UMESC and Town property. We currently plan to make this a hybrid (in person and virtual) meeting because seating is limited.

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