

PFAS Update May 9, 2023.

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As a reminder the open comment period on the new EPA proposed PFAS standards is open until **May 30, 2023**. Public comments can be provided at www.regulations.gov under Docket ID: EPA-HQ-OW-2022-0114. Comments must be submitted before May 30th, to be taken into consideration.

Yesterday I was notified by Congressman Van Orden's office that Campbells' request for \$3.4 million dollars was advanced to the appropriations committee. The \$3.4 million is the balance of the \$5 million dollars we requested in 2021 from Sen Baldwins' office. The EPA and DNR have finalized their protocols to apply for the \$1.6 million dollars (approved in 2022). That application process begins in June. Additional federal funds are coming into the state via the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and Clean/Safe Drinking Water revolving funds. Funding for a safe sustainable long-term solution will require many funding sources.

Our test well pumping operations were delayed due to flooding. However, the flooding presented an opportunity to conduct additional research. The Wardwell Park site was not impacted by the flood or ground water elevations. The Wisconsin Geological Survey staff collaborated with Davy engineering and others to monitor water levels and gauge possible impact to both aquifers.

So far all the results are promising. Step down testing (pumping from various depths of the well) was completed yesterday. Tonight the 24-hour pumping test will begin. Water samples will be taken after the pump tests are completed. Next water samples are sent for lab analysis including PFAS and other analytes. I expect to have those results at the end of May.

Last month I attended the first statewide PFAS meeting and met DNR Secretary Adam Payne. I stressed the impact of PFAS contamination on towns like Campbell and requested their support. I also attended a statewide meeting at the Capitol in Madison where I spoke about the importance of PFAS funding.

Tomorrow the County Executive Committee meets to review the resolution to disburse the \$500K which was preliminarily approved last year. The final decision will be made at the County Board, meeting on May 18th.

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 or other health, education or welfare topics please do not hesitate to contact me.