PFAS Update December 12, 2023 Lee Donahue, Supervisor 2 Health, Education and Welfare

The Assembly is expected to take up SB 312 later this month. As of late December, members of the Senate and Assembly continued working toward amendments which would benefit private well owners without compromising the DNR authority to uphold the Spills Law.

If you have not already contacted your elected state legislative officials, I encourage you to do so and express your concerns.

Call Your Legislator

Rep. Jill Billings can be reached at 608 -237-9195 and **Email**:Rep.Billings@legis.wisconsin.gov.

Sen. Brad Pfaff can be reached at 608-266-5490 and email sen.Pfaff@legis.wisconsin.gov

The EPA is expected to announce a final PFAS Maximum Contaminant Level early this year for municipal water systems. There is no federal standard for groundwater. I am actively working with colleagues across the state to get State PFAS groundwater standards signed into law. I am also proud to announce that Robin Schmidt from Brice Prairie is now serving on the Natural Resources Board (NRB). Robin is a retired hydrogeologist and has extensive experience working with government agencies.

I am proud to announce that the La Crosse County Board unanimously passed a resolution on Dec 21st, 2023 to help protect the Mt. Simon aquifer. The resolution advises all well drilling companies and the residents who seek to have a new well drilled of the critical need to protect the Mt. Simon. It is the aquifer La Crescent uses to supply municipal water to their residents. It is also our source for a long-term safe water solution for Campbell residents as part of a municipal system. The resolution reflects months of collaboration between Margaret Larson, myself and the La Crosse County Health Department.

Yesterday Britt, Davy Engineering staff and I met with an EPA representative to discuss the protocols of accessing the $1.6 million dollars that was awarded through Sen. Tammy Baldwins office as a Congressional Direct Spending allocation. We are still waiting to see if the $2 million CDS request through Congressman Derrick Van Orden’s office will clear the budget process which continues this month into February.

I welcome your questions.

Thank you.