

On Feb. 29th Sen. Brad Pfaff and Rep. Jill Billings gave a press conference at Town Hall to announce new legislation to replace SB 312. The Governor has signaled he is likely to veto SB 312 for three reasons:

It fails to create a mechanism to release the \$125 million dollars set aside for PFAS remediation in the state. It fails to uphold the DNR's authority to hold polluters responsible for remediation. It forces communities like Campbell, Peshtigo and Stella to compete with commercial and industrial entities to share in the \$125 million PFAS trust fund.

This new Bill would create a mechanism to release the \$125 million PFAS Trust Funds. It would mandate a phase out of non-essential use of PFAS in carpets, cosmetics, food wrappers, dental floss, personal hygiene products and more. It would restart the legislative process to set a Ground Water standard based upon the DHS recommendations. State legislation is key to addressing PFAS as a public health crisis in Wisconsin.

Please reach out to your elected officials and tell them what it is like to live with toxic tap water.

Last week a court case in Waukesha argued some of these issues. The court case is in a "stay" regarding PFAS, responsible parties and DNR authority. You can read details here. [Court says regulators must develop PFAS restrictions \(spectrumnews1.com\)](https://www.spectrumnews1.com/news/local/waukesha/court-says-regulators-must-develop-pfas-restrictions).

We are still waiting on the PFAS soil test results from the AFFF spill at the Airport on Feb. 1, 2024. On March 7th, the DNR told us they still have roughly \$500,000 to collect and dispose AFFF statewide. I sent a letter along with Margaret Larson asking the Aviation Board chair to remove all AFFF from French Island. We provided several articles showing that other municipal airports have transitioned to F3 foam, including Jackson Hole Wyoming. Transitioning to F3 foam is an investment in the public health and safety, the environment, and firefighters.

Our request for a "sentinel" well to monitor both the upper and lower aquifers for PFAS is being reviewed by the DNR.

Davy Engineering continues to work with us on developing the engineering plans for a municipal system which is required to apply for state and federal funding. The project work plan, and budget narrative are in development. We are applying through the EPA for a cost share waiver. We may be eligible for up to 20% principal forgiveness for any loans through the EPA.