

PFAS UPDATE July 9, 2024 Lee Donahue, Supervisor #2 Health Education and Welfare

Our County sponsored research wells are in place. Sampling and additional research will proceed in the next two weeks. We are grateful for our collaboration with La Crosse County for funding this research and our partnership with USGS, WGNHS and UW-Madison to perform this research.

There is still no movement on the \$125 million dollars in the PFAS Trust Fund. This is severely hindering municipalities like Campbell who are ready to begin construction on our safe long-term water solution. Developing a “municipal” water system vs. private wells entitles us to additional state and federal funding through various grants and congressional funding.

I contacted members of the JFC, and our local state legislators asking them, to adopt the legislatively approved DNR methodology to authorize and prioritize funding via the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program.

I urge everyone to email members of the Joint Finance Committee and ask them to adopt the same DNR methodology for the SWDFP so communities can gain access to these critical funds. This funding was ***overwhelmingly approved with bipartisan support a year ago! So far it has not been accessed to help a single community.***

We anticipate drilling our final municipal well in the next 3-6 months. Our goal is to acquire land to build an elevated storage system and then move forward with laying pipe. We will exhaust all state, county and federal funding opportunities to make safe drinking water a reality in Campbell.

I will take your questions, thanks!