

PFAS UPDATE August 14, 2024

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Additional County funded research began 3 weeks ago. 2 UW-Madison hydrogeology professors, 3 graduate students, a USGS Research Geophysicist and Wisconsin Geological Survey hydrogeologist spent nearly a week conducting research.

It included using equipment to assess and characterize the Eau Claire Formation (layers of shale) between the upper contaminated aquifer and the deep Mt Simon PFAS free aquifer. This protective layer is what separates the contamination between aquifers.

Another WGS hydrogeologist provided training for La Crosse and 5 neighboring county sanitarians last week.

Other research will help model the movement of PFAS in the upper aquifer, so the County can see how the PFAS continues to move in our region.

There is still no movement on the \$125 million dollars in the PFAS Trust Fund. That money was approved by the entire Wisconsin Legislature and was accumulated through your tax dollars. Communities like Campbell need to access those funds to help pay for our long-term safe water solution. I expect it to be one of the first items to be discussed in the next legislative session. If you are so inclined, contact the members of the JFC or your legislative representatives and share your thoughts on this issue.

I continue to work with federal and state legislators, the DNR and Natural Resources board on funding for our safe water solution.

Bottled water is only an interim solution. Campbell requires a long-term solution. 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!