

PFAS UPDATE September 10, 2024. Lee Donahue, Supervisor #2 Health Education and Welfare

More than a week of research was performed last month. The consortium team is analyzing data and building models that will provide us more information on ground water flow, and preliminary insight into the characteristics of the Eau Claire formation which separates the aquifers.

I am deeply appreciative of all the consortium members in this research team and the County for providing funding. As a side note the USGS National Tap water study conducted in Oct. 2021 expects to publish their findings in the publication *Chemosphere* in the next month.

The State PFAS Trust fund of \$125 million dollars was approved in **June 2023** by a **bipartisan legislature**. To date, the Joint Finance Committee has refused to release those funds. This is severely hindering municipalities like Campbell who are ready to begin construction on our safe long-term water solution.

If you are frustrated with the pace of funding being allocated for PFAS solutions, I encourage you to share your feelings with members of the JFC, state and federal legislators. I am continually asking them to support and prioritize PFAS funding, but I am only one voice in a community of 4,300.

A petition at url [https://secure.everyaction.com/b5cx\\_f0Ia0KMBi7Z3Wwr4Q2](https://secure.everyaction.com/b5cx_f0Ia0KMBi7Z3Wwr4Q2) supports establishing state wide ground water standards. This step can assist impacted municipalities.

To be clear, the EPA does not regulate groundwater. Currently, neither does the state of Wisconsin. However more Wisconsin residents get their water from ground water via private wells than municipal water. Setting GW standards is an important step, to build economic support for communities paralyzed by PFAS contamination. I am committed to exhausting all state, county and federal funding opportunities to make safe drinking water a reality in Campbell.

I will take your questions, thanks!