

PFAS External Advisory Group

February 18, 2022

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Wisconsin Paper Council: Perspectives on PFAS
- Municipal Drinking Water Sampling
- Wisconsin Firefighting Foam

Break

- DNR and Federal PFAS updates
- EAG Member Open Forum
- Public Comment

Welcome



Roll Call

External Advisory Group Members		
Jason Culotta, Midwest Food Products Association	George Klaetsch, Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association	Doug Oitzinger, Marinette Citizen
Brian Grefe, Wisconsin Airport Managers Association	Lawrie Kobza, Municipal Environmental Group – Water Division	Laura Olah, Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger
Joe Grande, American Water Works Association – Wisconsin Section and Madison Water Utility	Scott Laeser, Clean Wisconsin	John Osborne, GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.
Chris Groh, Wisconsin Rural Water Association	Rob Lee, Midwest Environmental Advocates	John Robinson, Wisconsin’s Green Fire
Toni Herkert, League of Municipalities	Scott Manley, Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce	Pat Stevens, Wisconsin Paper Council
David Johnson, North Shore Environmental Construction, Inc.	Sharon Mertens, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District	Mark Thimke, Foley & Lardner LLP
Meleesa Johnson, Marathon County Solid Waste Department and Wisconsin Solid Waste PFAS Group	Lynn Morgan, Waste Management	Ned Witte, Godfrey & Kahn S.C.
Paul Kent, Stafford Rosenbaum LLP		

PFAS Perspectives

Patrick Stevens

Vice President, Environmental & Regulatory Affairs

General Counsel

WI DNR PFAS Actions

February 18, 2022

Kyle Burton, Field Operations Director
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Statewide Municipal PFAS Sampling

- WI DNR is offering PFAS sampling to ALL municipal systems statewide
- Participation in the project is voluntary and sampling will be cost free for systems
- Systems can express interest by emailing DNRDGPFASSAMPLING@Wisconsin.Gov



Statewide Municipal PFAS Sampling

- DNR to partner with WI Department of Health Services (DHS) and WI State Lab of Hygiene (WSLH)
- Training and support for systems participating in the program
- DNR will work closely with impacted systems to leverage all resources available to protect health of customers and address impacts.



Statewide Municipal PFAS Sampling

- Funding Available as well as support from DNR, DHS, WSLH
- Proactively assess impacts and protect public health
- Infrastructure bill funding for addressing PFAS will be available
- UCMR5 and proposed DNR rules



Statewide Municipal PFAS Sampling

- February 8, 2022 Governor Evers announces funding for voluntary sampling project
- February 2022 DNR will reach out directly to systems with more information
- March 2022 virtual informational meeting for all interested systems
- March/April 2022 sampling begins



Questions?

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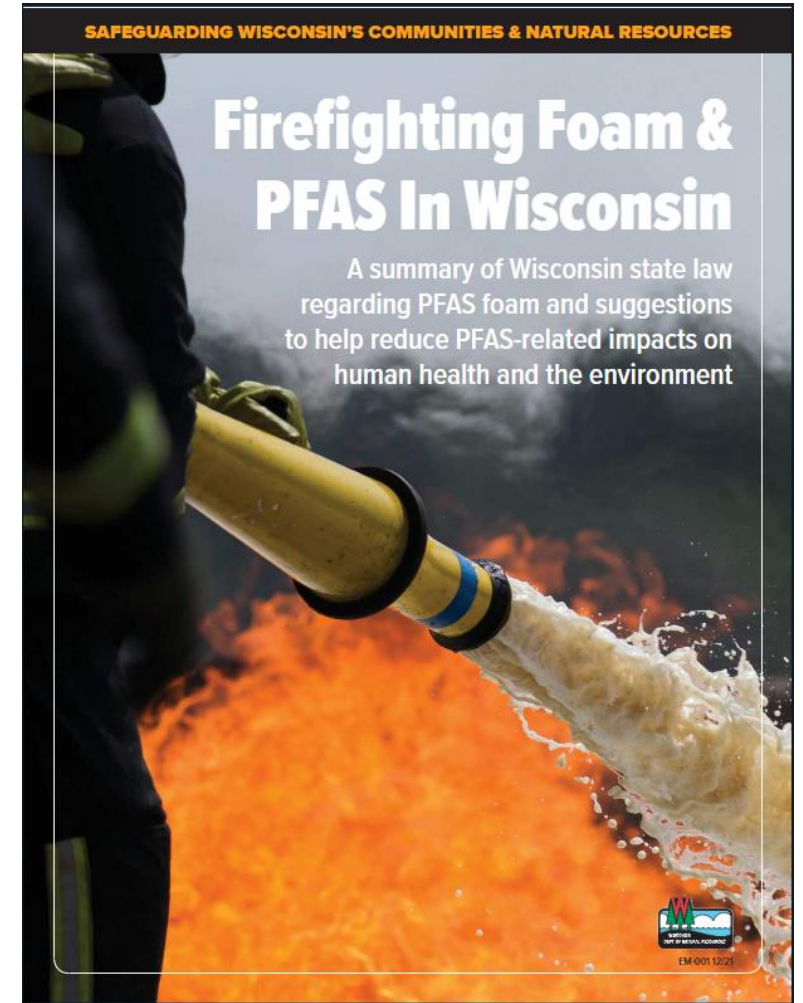


Firefighting Foam

Jason Lowery, DNR

Ongoing Firefighting Foam Efforts

- NR 159 (WA-07-20) Firefighting Foam Rule
- Great Lakes PFAS Task Force – Fluorine-Free Foam Resources Team
- Best Management Practices
- Foam Collection & Disposal - \$1M



Collection and Disposal Program

Senator Marklein
Representative Born

NATURAL RESOURCES

PFAS-Containing Firefighting Foam Agenda Item XII

Motion:

Move to transfer \$1,000,000 in 2021-22 from the Joint Committee on Finance's segregated revenue supplemental appropriation [s. 20.865(4)(u)] to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) PFAS-containing firefighting foam collection and disposal appropriation [s. 20.370(4)(ps)]. Direct DNR to **enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection** to jointly: (a) establish a process and criteria for awarding a contract to administer the program; (b) select a winning third-party contractor to collect and dispose of PFAS-containing firefighting foam; (c) determine, and make publicly available on each agency's website, the procedures for handling data collected in administering the program; and (d) maintain any records created in administering the program. Specify that the funding may only be used for contract costs associated with the collection and disposal portions of the program.

BREAK
Resume at 12.45pm

DNR Updates



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: A Historic Investment in Water

President Biden's leadership and bipartisan Congressional action have delivered the single-largest investment in U.S. water infrastructure ever. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests **more than \$50 billion** through EPA's highly successful water infrastructure programs.

- \$20+ billion for safe drinking water.
- \$15 billion in dedicated funding to replace lead pipes.
- \$12+ billion to ensure clean water for communities.
- \$1.8 billion to protect regional waters.
- \$135 million for additional water improvements.

With this funding, EPA, states, Tribes, and localities have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to strengthen and rebuild America's water infrastructure. EPA will ensure that all communities get their fair share of this federal water infrastructure investment—especially disadvantaged communities. This funding will put Americans to work in good-paying jobs and support a thriving economy.

Safe Drinking Water

There are still an estimated 6 to 10 million lead service lines in cities and towns across the country, many of which are in low-income neighborhoods and communities of color. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will deliver resources to remove these lead pipes, in line with President Biden's goal of removing 100% of lead service lines. This means that millions of families will be able to rely on drinking water that is safe from lead and other contaminants.

Clean Water for Communities

The nation's wastewater and stormwater management systems that are critical to safely returning used water to the environment are aging and breaking down. With more than \$12 billion for clean water infrastructure, communities will be able to upgrade these critical systems. This means that more people will be able to swim, fish, and play in their waters and the environment will be cleaner and more vibrant.

Protecting Regional Waters

Investing in regional waters—from the Chesapeake Bay, to the Great Lakes, to the Puget Sound—will better protect the nation's largest and most treasured waters to ensure that they continue to serve as vital economic and recreational assets.

Water is life. It keeps us healthy, sustains vibrant communities and dynamic ecosystems, and it supports the economy. Water infrastructure is essential to delivering reliable, affordable, and safe water. When water infrastructure fails, it threatens people's health, peace of mind, and the environment. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides a historic investment to replace pipes, upgrade water treatment facilities, and ensure that America's water systems are resilient for the future.

Safe Drinking Water

\$15 billion

Lead Service Line Replacement through the [Drinking Water State Revolving Funds](#)
49% of funds will be provided to communities as grants or principal forgiveness loans. 51% of funds will be available to communities for low-interest loans. State match is not required.

\$11.7 billion

Drinking Water State Revolving Funds
49% of funds will be provided to communities as grants or principal forgiveness loans. 51% of funds will be available to communities for low-interest loans. State match is reduced to 10%.

\$4 billion

Addressing Emerging Contaminants through the Drinking Water SRF
Can be used to remediate PFAS in drinking water. All funds provided to communities as grants or principal forgiveness loans. State match is not required.

\$5 billion

Addressing Emerging Contaminants in Disadvantaged Communities
Funding through [Small, Underserved, and Disadvantaged Communities Grants](#)
Can be used to remediate PFAS in drinking water. Provided as grants. State match is not required.

Clean Water for Communities

\$11.7 billion

Clean Water State Revolving Funds ([CWSRF](#))
49% of funds will be available for grants or principal forgiveness loans. 51% of funds will be available for low-interest loans. State match is reduced to 10%.

\$1 billion

Addressing Emerging Contaminants
Funding through Clean Water State Revolving Funds. All funds provided as grants or principal forgiveness loans. State match is not required.

Protecting Regional Waters

\$1.7 billion

Geographic Programs
Funding directed to 12 federally recognized geographic programs.

\$132 million

National Estuary Program ([NEP](#))
Funding to be distributed across 28 Federally recognized estuaries to restore vulnerable coastal areas and communities.

Additional Investments in Water

\$60 million

Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia Task Force ([HTF](#))
Funding to be divided equally across 12 Hypoxia Task Force states.

\$50 million

Underground Injection Control Grants ([UIC](#))
Funding to support states' efforts to attain Class VI primacy. 100% of funding provided as grants. State match is not required.

\$25 million

Permitting Class VI Wells ([Class VI Wells](#))
Support to EPA for carbon sequestration programs.

Open Forum External Advisory Group Members

Wrap-up and Next Steps



Public Comment

- Submit questions or comments via the chat function in Zoom (please indicate if you'd like to read aloud)

OR

- “Raise Hand” and you’ll be unmuted to provide your comment
- We will attempt to address comments and requests to speak in the order that they are received
- Please keep comments to 3 minutes

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