



TOP News on Water: January, 2023

Committee Mission: *"To achieve a permanent safe drinking water solution, within the current site investigation area in the Town of Peshtigo, at the expense of the identified responsible party."*

12/21/22: 3M discontinues use of Hazardous PFAS Forever Chemicals

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/brianbushard/2022/12/20/3m-will-discontinue-use-of-hazardous-pfas-forever-chemicals-by-2025/?sh=44c4aba331d0>

1/3/23: UW Madison conducts independent study showing Tyco/JCI PFAS fingerprint pouring into Lake Michigan. "The forensic technique in this study used PFAS fingerprinting, a process that uses ratios of individual PFAS compounds to identify PFAS contaminants and their sources. In this case, the PFAS fingerprint in Green Bay is nearly identical to PFAS associated with Tyco and includes PFAS known to be active ingredients in firefighting foams. This fingerprinting method could be used to hold polluting companies responsible for the contaminated water, the researchers said."

[JCI PFAS Fingerprint in Lake MI](#)

1/6: EPA Requires reporting of 9 ADDITIONAL PFAS [EPA Adds 9 PFAS to Reporting Requirements!](#)

1/5: Town of Peshtigo receives confirmation of \$1,667,000 Omnibus AWARD

1/6: [Investors pressure top firms to halt production of toxic 'forever chemicals'](#)

1/12: Updated Department of Defense Standards: WASHINGTON – Today the Department of Defense quietly released [new requirements](#) for the firefighting foam it uses to put out jet fuel fires. It marks a crucial step toward ending the use of foams containing the toxic "forever chemicals" known as PFAS, which have long contaminated drinking water. [First Steps to Fire Fighting Foam WITHOUT PFAS](#)

PERMANENT SAFE WATER FOR ALL:

UTILITY DISTRICT: *Town Board Initiative*

- **\$1.67 million Pre-development funding** earmarked appropriations through Senator Baldwin (final approval year end 2022). Pre-development costs include such things as: full scale engineering, cost of service and modeling studies, grant application and administration services, legal fees, PSC approval, project management etc.
- **Necessary step for funding including the \$150 million** in Federal Infrastructure Law Grants: A Historic Investment in clean water is available to Wisconsin communities through grants and funding resources: 2 primary buckets of money specific to PFAS: One has available \$13 million/year for 5 years and another has \$17 million/year for 5 years. This funding cycle is likely to take place late fall/early winter 2022 with initial awards early 2023.
- Through our admission into the Thriving Earth Exchange program, the Town has aligned with Bryce Lord <https://uwm.edu/public-nonprofit-administration/people/lord-bryce/> to assist with grant applications! He runs the non-profit graduate program at UW-Milwaukee and this partnership will be at zero cost to the Town.
- Funding grants and resources are being investigated on an ongoing basis, including through USDA RD Emergency Grant, Environmental Policy Innovation Center, WDNR: SDWLP and Clean Water Fund Program, and the WDOA.
- Holding our responsible party legally accountable.

• EPA updated advisory Health Advisory levels: of .004 parts per trillion (ppt) for per fluoro octanoic acid (PFOA) and .02 ppt for per fluoro octane sulfonic acid (PFOS) GenX chemicals = 10 ppt and PFBS = 2,000 ppt

<https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2022-06/drinking-water-ha-pfas-factsheet-communities.pdf>

• **Resource for comparing Water and Blood Testing Data:** <https://pfas-exchange.org/>

• **Affordable Water Testing Resource:** <https://cyclopure.com/product/water-test-kit-pro/>

• **Additional Testing Facility**

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RECEIVE MONTHLY UPDATES: Please Attend the monthly Water Meeting 6:00 the 3rd Thursday of each month, before the monthly board meeting at the Townhall and sign up at **TownOfPeshtigo.org** for monthly reports to be sent to your email or phone.

Cindy Boyle – Town of Peshtigo Chair & resident in the Tyco/JCI contamination area.