The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has lifted the “Flush Only Drinking Water Advisory” for 50 Town of Jackson private well owners, restoring the use of water for non-consumptive uses for all but one of the homes most directly affected by the July 17th gasoline pipeline rupture.

The properties having the flush-only advisory lifted have Point of Entry Treatment (POET) carbon filtration systems installed or have been provided water tanks for domestic uses. They have also been provided a safe source of drinking water.

The lifting of the advisory comes after three weeks of sampling the wells having POET systems to confirm that the systems are working effectively.

“We feel confident in lifting the flush-only restriction now that we have data supporting the current effectiveness of the POET systems. It has been our goal to restore domestic water use as soon as we felt it was safe, especially with the approach of the school year for families in the area,” said Marty Nessman, DNR Hydrogeologist.

Sampling will continue as domestic, non-consumptive, use commences to ensure the water remains uncontaminated with gasoline. All sampling data will be monitored and residents will be notified of any unsafe changes. A flush only advisory may be reinstated if the sampling results indicate a negative change.

These 50 properties will now join the others currently in the Area Wide Drinking Water Advisory, which is still in effect. Residents within this area will continue to be provided with bottled water. Private well owners within the boundaries of Jackson Road on the west, Spring Valley Road on the south, Center Road on the east, and Sherman Road on the north are within the area-wide advisory.
Important tips for water use within the Area Wide Drinking Water Advisory zone include:

- **DO** use well water for non-consumptive uses like bathing, laundry and cleaning dishes.
- **Do NOT** use well water for drinking, cooking, making ice, brushing teeth or for other consumptive uses. This applies for both humans and animals.
- Well owners within this area are allowed to use their wells for lawn irrigation. However, the DNR recommends that well owners conserve water as much as possible to prevent large changes in groundwater flow.
- If your water smells like gasoline, stop all uses immediately and contact West Shore Pipeline at 708-426-4170.

Please contact Marty Nessman, 608-574-2592, or Liz Heinen, 920-993-7056, if you have any questions about the advisories or treatment systems. More information can also be found at: dnr.wi.gov, enter “Jackson” as the search term, or click [here](#).