

# **PFAS External Advisory Group**

**August 19, 2022**

# Welcome



# Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Fish Consumption Advisories – DHS Presentation
- Voluntary Municipal Drinking Water System Sampling
- Community Resources
- Green Tier and Stakeholder Resources

## *Break*

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

# Roll Call

External Advisory Group Members		
Jason Culotta, Midwest Food Products Association	George Klaetsch, Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association – <i>Unable to Attend</i>	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 – <i>Jorge Roman Romero as Delegate</i>	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		

# **Fish Consumption Advisories**

Dr. Jon Meiman, Chief Medical Officer

Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health

Wisconsin Department of Health Services

# Voluntary Municipal PFAS Sampling Project Update

Kyle Burton– Drinking Water and Groundwater Program, Field Operations Director

# Community Resources

Group Discussion

# 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.



# **Green Tier and Stakeholder Resources**

Group Discussion

**BREAK**  
**Resume at 1pm**

# DNR Updates



# Firefighting Foam

- NR 159 (WA-07-20) Firefighting Foam Rule
- Foam Collection & Disposal Program



# Water Standards

- Public Drinking Water Systems
- Surface Water Quality



# Federal Updates



## PFAS Strategic Roadmap: EPA's Commitments to Action 2021-2024



# **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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