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Subject: Upcoming Public Meetings and Clarification on Trust Fund Availability

Dear Mayor Malke, Chairperson Pottratz and Mayor Genisot,

I am the Director of the Remediation and Redevelopment program within the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (department). I have had the pleasure to meet all of you in person within the last few months. The purpose of this letter is to clarify two items regarding the department's oversight of the site investigation of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in your respective municipalities.

First, the department is looking forward to hosting listening sessions over the next six months to discuss the ongoing environmental investigations underway in the Marinette and Peshtigo area. All meetings planned by the DNR have been listed on the DNR's [PFAS contamination in the Marinette and Peshtigo area](#) website and are copied below for your reference. I write to you to make clear that there will not be a public meeting on October 3, 2019 hosted by DNR. If any of you wish to host your own public meeting on this date or in the future and would like representatives from DNR or the Department of Health Services to attend, please share a request with a proposed agenda with me at Christine.Haag@wisconsin.gov and I will ensure the appropriate parties are notified. The department is committed to hosting a public meeting to discuss long-term water supply options once we have clear and complete analysis of available options from Johnson Controls d/b/a Tyco Fire Products, LP (JCI) to present.

Please note that the department requested JCI work with your municipalities as part of their requirement to develop a long-term water supply solution for those affected by groundwater contamination caused by the activities at the Fire Training Center. The long-term water supply solutions submittal by JCI and their consultant must include a thorough analysis of all the different potential long-term potable water options available in the area. For any of the potential options to be considered an implementable solution, they must first be vetted with the affected local governments and must describe all associated conditions within the submittal. For example, if a municipality would require a home to be annexed to the city to receive municipal water, those details must be included in the long-term water supply options submittal. We appreciate any assistance you can provide JCI in their work to develop this analysis.

Second, the department has received several questions from concerned citizens voicing their expectation that the State of Wisconsin will administer payments from a trust fund to affected property owners impacted by PFAS contamination in the region. There is no such mechanism in place. Furthermore, the department does not anticipate any such mechanism to be in place in the future. This is a private party matter, not a state issue. Please feel free to reach out to me if you would like assistance in providing accurate outreach materials regarding the site investigation of PFAS contamination. We would like to share our resources with you to best educate the public.

The priorities of the department remain to ensure responsible parties address the threat of PFAS contamination in Wisconsin to protect human health and the environment.

Thank you for your review of this letter and we look forward to seeing you at our next listening session. Please feel free to reach out to me at 608-266-0244 or christine.haag@wisconsin.gov if you have any questions.

Location: All listening sessions will be held at the **Community REC Center, 2501 Pierce Ave., Marinette.**

Listening Session	Date	Time(s)
Listening Session 1	Wednesday, September 18, 2019	6-7:30 p.m.
Listening Session 2	Wednesday, October 16, 2019	6-7:30 p.m.
Listening Session 3	Wednesday, November 20, 2019	noon-1:30 p.m. and 6-7:30 p.m.
Listening Session 4	Wednesday, December 18, 2019	6-7:30 p.m.
Listening Session 5	Wednesday, January 15, 2020	noon-1:30 p.m. and 6-7:30 p.m.
Listening Session 6	Wednesday, February 19, 2020	6-7:30 p.m.

If you have any technical questions about the site investigation, please feel free to reach out to department Project Manager David Neste at David.Neste@wisconsin.gov or reach him directly at 920-424-0399.

Sincerely,

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