

From: Voegeli, Doug
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 3:33 PM
To: Viste, Doran; Grande, Joseph; Bemis, Brynn
Cc: Heikkinen, Thomas; Heinrich, Janel; Ahrens, David; Crawley, Katie
Subject: RE: PFAS Taskforce

Doran,

I have attached a document that provides responses for much of the requested work for this taskforce. We do have an informal task force now with WU, PHMDC, WDNR and WDHS. We have met recently with WIANG (NGB). I am not seeing that this is needed; however, if this is to go forward, I would suggest that PHMDC is not the lead as the optics of PHMDC leading a task force for an issue that they have publically stated is NOT an issue does not seem aligned. We are all in with the community meetings to help to outreach our message and working with DNR/DHS to help the standard setting process to proceed in a timely manner. Also, we do not have an extra \$15k to fund this initiative. Doug

RE: PFAS Taskforce
From Voegeli, Doug Date Wednesday, February 20, 2019 8:50 AM
To Grande, Joseph
Cc
Subject RE: PFAS Taskforce
Absolutely.

From: Grande, Joseph
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 8:31 AM
To: Voegeli, Doug
Subject: Re: PFAS Taskforce
Thanks Doug.

If it is okay by you, I would like to share these comments with Tom.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 20, 2019, at 8:28 AM, Voegeli, Doug <DVoegeli@publichealthmdc.com> wrote:
Joe,

Just wanted to say that your comments are right on! I feel the same and at the same time, I really wonder what impact we (a City Taskforce) would have on what is really a larger issue then the water at Well 15. If this is to push for remediation, I think that a state level group would be the best, led by Mike S.

Doug

From: Bemis, Brynn
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 3:50 PM
To: Foss, Darsi J - DNR
Subject: draft resolution

Darsi, Here is the draft language. This is a draft, so please keep confidential. Comments from Public Health and the Water Utility have not been in support of this resolution. Thanks! –Brynn

From: Bemis, Brynn
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 4:24 PM
To: Grande, Joseph; Viste, Doran; Voegeli, Doug

Cc: Heikkinen, Thomas; Heinrich, Janel; Ahrens, David; Crawley, Katie
Subject: RE: PFAS Taskforce

Doran,

I commend the alders and our citizens for being concerned about PFAS exposure—it is an emerging contaminant that deserves considerable attention. However, I'm confused why we need a Madison task force when so much is happening at the state level.

In the last two months the DNR has hired a PFAS coordinator, formed an external PFAS advisory group (Joe Grande and I are members), communicated extensively with Minnesota (where the 3M plants have caused significant contamination), and are planning a regional PFAS meeting for this spring with neighboring states. DNR has an entire PFAS action plan they are waiting to release to the public later this spring once they've had time to brief the new administrator.

In 2018, DNR started the process to establish a Wisconsin groundwater standard by requesting that the Dept of Health Services establish health-based groundwater standards for 22 emerging contaminants, including two PFAS compounds. The DHS standards are expected this spring. At that point, the DNR can start a rule-making process to create a NR 140 groundwater standard (a 30-month process). In Wisconsin, DHS and DNR do not have the authority to create state-specific drinking water MCLs. Wisconsin can only adopt EPA MCLs.

Last, as Doug pointed out, the DNR is already planning to sample fish from Starkweather Creek this early summer.

Regards,

Brynn

From: Bemis, Brynn
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 4:25 PM
To: Fries, Gregory
Subject: FW: PFAS Taskforce

FYI...

From: Viste, Doran
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 4:33 PM
To: Bemis, Brynn
Subject: RE: PFAS Taskforce

Thanks for sending this out. I'm trying to put the brakes on it, but Ahrens doesn't seem to want to. Rummel appears concerned about the negative staff feedback—so your e-mail was very timely.