



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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Randall Cerar
U.S. Army Environmental Command

Dear Mr. Cerar,

We are writing today to add our strong support to the resolution signed by over 100 citizens and Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) members asking the Army and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) to prioritize public and private well testing in its planned investigation for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). As the state legislators representing the Merrimac and Sauk Prairie communities, we join their call for more extensive testing for PFAS.

As you may know, PFAS can have extremely serious effects on human health. Exposure to some of these substances is linked to hormone and immune disruption and cancer, as well as low birth weight in infants. The source of these substances is likely fire suppression foams used at several Wisconsin military bases, similar to the former Badger Army Ammunition Plant. Because PFAS can move quickly through groundwater, we share CSWAB's concerns that these chemicals may have migrated into public and private wells outside the Badger plant boundaries. That is why it is critical that the Army expands its testing for PFAS to include public and private wells.

We understand that these substances can appear in much lower levels in common plastics and equipment, including the tools the Army uses to collect samples and perform testing. Army staff have cited this as a reason not to expand PFAS testing to the extent requested by citizens. However, the health and safety of residents outweighs any inconvenience in testing procedures. We strongly support the citizens and RAB members in our districts who have signed this resolution, and we respectfully urge the Army and WDNR to expand PFAS testing to include more public and private wells near Badger.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please feel free to contact our offices with any questions.

Sincerely,

Dave Considine
State Representative
81st Assembly District

Jon Erpenbach
State Senator
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