RESOLUTION by Members of the Badger Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)

Supporting U.S. Army Compliance with WI Groundwater Standards and WDNR Directives at and near Badger Army Ammunition Plant

January 16, 2025

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Environmental Command has informed the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) that it will NOT comply with the State's enforceable groundwater standards for certain cancer-causing chemicals that have migrated to groundwater, and

WHEREAS, for decades, contamination from the former 7,400-acre Badger Army Ammunition Plant has been moving offsite and now poses a threat to as many as 300 residential drinking water wells in rural Sauk County, and

WHEREAS, the WDNR has issued at least three formal letters (June 2023, October of 2023 and again in October 2024) to the U.S. Army calling for compliance with state groundwater standards, and

WHEREAS, the Army is pursuing a level of cleanup that is 100 times LESS protective of human health (1x10-4) for the Badger lands, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Badger Restoration Advisory Board is to serve as an avenue for communications between the installation, state and federal officials, and the community about the environmental restoration activities at the former Badger Army Ammunition Plant,

THEREFORE we, the undersigned members of the Badger Restoration Advisory Board, call on **Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers** to act to assure that the Department of Defense fully complies with state environmental rules and regulations and act to protect the health and sustainability of Wisconsin's groundwater at Badger Army Ammunition Plant and throughout the state.

SIGNED:

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