



Dane County Regional Airport

Progress Report Summary

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Summary

- Sewer lining project work is completed. Follow-up monitoring underway.
- Other airports coming to DCRA to see the remediation pilot work.
- Monitoring wells placed at the Darwin Street former training area.
- The WI 115th Fighter Wing at Truax became the first Air Force facility in the world to eliminate their PFAS foam fire suppression system.

Storm water pipe televising and repair project completed

The storm water repair project that began in January is now completed. Three rounds of sampling will occur now that the work is completed at the same creek and outfall locations that were sampled before the repairs to see if the repairs help reduce the amount of PFAS entering the storm sewer system. The first round of testing post repairs was recently completed and two more will happen. Once all three are completed, the results will be released in September.

Darwin Street former training area

The work plan for the Darwin Street former training area was submitted to the DNR earlier this year. At the end of March the DNR [approved the work plan](#).

The monitoring wells at the Darwin Street Former Training Area have been placed, which will make sampling work there easier. The airport team also secured a new lab for testing so they are hoping to get better turnaround time on receiving results.

The DNR BRRTS number for this project is **02-13-583366** in case you want to search for updates to this work in between updates.

Airport commission meeting

As noted in the last update, the Airport Commission hosted a briefing from the remediation pilot project contractor. Questions were submitted and you can see those and the answers by going to the [airport PFAs page update section](#) and clicking on the link for the April/23 date or by [clicking here](#).

You can also [watch the presentation](#).

Michigan Airport team asking to learn more about MSN remediation pilot project

The MSN airport team recently did a presentation for the Lansing, Michigan airport team about the remediation pilot work being done at our airport. Michigan as a state has invested a lot of funding trying to solve the PFAs contamination in their state so it is notable that their airports are now seeking out the assistance of our airport team on potential remediation solutions.

DNR releases community toolkit

In May the DNR released their [Community Toolkit for PFAS in drinking water](#). It intends to outline steps local communities can take if PFAs are found in their drinking water. It details which state agency is responsible for different areas of the law on this issue too.

Truax eliminates foam firefighting system

As part of the conversion from F-16s to F-35s, Truax Field became the first Air Force facility in the world to get rid of their foam-based fire-fighting system. You can [read a news article](#) about the conversion.

DNR external advisory group

The DNR hosted another external advisory group meeting on June 16th. [Watch the recording](#). The next meeting is August 18th.

U.S. senators introduce PFAs liability protection bill

In May a group of U.S. Senators introduced a bill that would provide liability protection for places that receive PFAs as part of their normal operations, such as landfills and farms. They are working with some of the senators who introduced Airport PFAs Liability Protection that would provide the protection to airports as well.

FAA and DOD release plan to transition away from PFAs foam

On May 8th the FAA and DOD [released their plan](#) to replace PFAs-based firefighting foams. They still need to finish developing a replacement foam because last July the testing had not shown total success yet, but the plan outlines some of the steps they are taking to get there.