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Dane County Regional Airport

Progress Report Summary

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Summary

- Overview on testing done at the airport site for the County Environment, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Committee (EANR)
- Airport signed the contract for the storm water system repair work and that work should begin in December.
- Dane County Regional Airport (DCRA) sent a response to the DNR's July 5th letter requesting an update on the former fire training areas of the airport.
- Judge in the Dane County PFAS litigation against manufacturers denied a motion by the manufacturers to dismiss many of the claims against them.

EANR Committee briefing on testing and sampling done at the DCRA

In July a number of county staff briefed the EANR Committee on testing done so far at the airport and what is still to come at the site. We are also working to have the sampling and results listed on the Public Health Madison Dane County website in the PFAS section.

Watch the [video](#) of the briefing.

See the [slides](#) used during the briefing.

Storm water televising and repair project

As noted in earlier updates, the airport has been working to repair the storm water system to reduce PFAS infiltration. Over 11,000 feet of storm sewer were examined for cracks, sags, or

breaks. The work was delayed because all of the bids from the initial RFP came back too high. It was put out for bid again and a contractor is in place. A pre-construction meeting is being scheduled and work should begin later this year. It is due to wrap up in February of 2023. Three more rounds of sampling will occur after the work is completed at the same locations that were sampled earlier to see if the repairs help reduce the amount of PFAS entering the storm sewer system.

Response letter to DNR regarding the former fire training areas

In July the three responsible parties for the former fire training areas received a letter from the DNR asking for an update to the plan for addressing these areas. As you may recall, Dane County hired a consultant to do the initial soil and groundwater testing at both of these sites. The response to the July DNR letter notes that the airport team is working to develop a supplemental plan for further soil and groundwater sampling in the former fire training areas by an environmental consultant. The plan will be informed by the work currently underway at the airport including sampling from the WI Air National Guard's Remedial Investigation, the storm water investigation and repair work, and the pilot remediation studies currently underway.

This is for BRTTS# 02-13-583366. The letter to the responsible parties and the response from the airport are the last two items on the list of actions [here](#).

Dane County litigation against PFAS manufacturers

Last week the judge in the Dane County PFAS litigation against manufacturers denied a motion by the manufacturers to dismiss many of the claims against them. The next step will be "bellwether" trials of plaintiffs who claim drinking water impacts from PFAS. A bellwether case is one that serves as an indicator. The outcome of those cases will inform the parties about the strengths and risks of their claims and defenses. The first such trial is currently set to begin in June of 2023.

Air National Guard remedial investigation

EA Engineering completed the soil and water sampling for Mobilization 1 of the Remedial Investigation (RI). Over 300 samples were taken and we anticipate seeing results next month. They have now shifted into Mobilization 2, which is monitoring well installation. Once that is complete, another round of sampling will occur in October of this year.