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## News Items

### 2024

**October 7, 2024**

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will host the next PFAS External Advisory Group meeting from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18, 2024. Agenda items include updates and discussion on recent and anticipated PFAS actions, a guest speaker from the University of Wisconsin and updates from working groups. [Register to attend](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/PFAS/PEAG.html). You can submit questions in advance by email.

**May 15, 2024**

Madison Water Utility [started construction on a PFAS treatment facility](https://www.cityofmadison.com/news/2024-05-15/city-of-madison-breaks-ground-on-pfas-treatment-facility-at-municipal-well-15) for Well 15 on Madison's east side.

**April 15, 2024**

On April 10th, 2024, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized the long-awaited regulations for PFAS in drinking water. Learn [what the regulations are and the status of drinking water](https://www.cityofmadison.com/news/2024-04-12/new-epa-pfas-regulations) in the City of Madison.

**April 1, 2024**

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will host the next PFAS External Advisory Group meeting on Friday, April 19 from 11:00am - 2:00pm. This is a working meeting of the External Advisory Group. The public is invited to attend, but may not have an opportunity to engage in discussion. More information, including an agenda and link for required registration are found on the [PFAS External Advisory Group webpage](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/PFAS/PEAG.html).

### 2023

**November 15, 2023**
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will host the next PFAS External Advisory Group Zoom meeting on Friday, December 15, 2023, from 11:00am - 2:00pm. [Visit their website](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/PFAS/PEAG.html) for the agenda and a link to register.

**November 9, 2023**
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources announced the results of a study to understand the extent of PFAS contamination in shallow groundwater throughout Wisconsin. Read the [news release](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/newsroom/release/84721) to learn the results of samples from private wells throughout the state.

**September 13, 2023**
The WI DNR's PFAS External Advisory Group meets September 22, 2023 at 11:00am. Members of the public are welcome. [Register to attend](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FQ0vc0jnQxWwZWhCGoPntw#/registration).

**June 6, 2023**
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will host the next PFAS External Advisory Group meeting on Friday, June 16, 2023 from 11:00am - 2:00pm. Agenda items include discussion about the state of PFAS in Wisconsin and nationally. [Register to attend](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dZqtWAEZRjK9jy_Bst7nTA#/registration).

**April 10, 2023**
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will host the next PFAS External Advisory Group meeting from 11:00am – 1:30pm on April 21, 2023. Agenda items include an overview of recent federal initiatives and discussion about potential impacts to Wisconsin. [Visit DNR](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/PFAS/PEAG.html) for meeting agenda and link for required registration.

**February 3, 2023**
**DNR To Host PFAS External Advisory Group Meeting On Friday, Feb. 17, 2023**
The PFAS External Advisory Group meets from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 17, 2023. Agenda items include member input on work prioritization and planning for 2023. The public is invited to attend, but there may not be opportunities to engage in the discussion. You can submit questions in advance. Get more information, including a Zoom link and an agenda on the [PFAS External Advisory Group webpage](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/PFAS/PEAG.html).

### 2022

**October 6, 2022**
[Microbes deployed to eat toxic 'forever chemicals' at Madison airport show promising results](https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/local/wisconsin/2022/10/04/microbes-so-far-successful-eating-up-toxic-pfas-dane-co-airport/8167875001/), *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*
Since deploying microbes to breakdown PFAS in the soil at the Dane County Regional Airport, there has been a 97% reduction in the amount of the toxic compounds month over month in a well installed to measure the compounds in nearby groundwater.

**August 12, 2022**
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will host the PFAS Technical Group meeting via Zoom from 9:00 am - 10:30 am on Friday, Aug. 19, 2022. Guests from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will share state and federal updates related to PFAS monitoring with attendees. More information on the meeting, including the Zoom link and an agenda are available on the [PFAS Technical Group webpage](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__lnks.gd_l_eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjA4MDUuNjE4NjIzOTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2Ruci53aXNjb25zaW4uZ292L3RvcGljL1BGQVMvVGVjaEdyb3VwLmh0bWwifQ.t1fWC-5FECe7vXT03D9oD-5F2M2Vu5ttV3lORAVK99e4lZk_s_62189112_br_142171794728-2Dl&d=DwMFAw&c=byefhD2ZumMFFQYPZBagUCDuBiM9Q9twmxaBM0hCgII&r=NtDZz87RXjThXjF3Bt7nY5YiVmrIGqJd5CQ6QH7HMxM&m=EAmDhTW4mnZUy151DRaE2x-mT4EhuCeKwS6DwU1MKIHPnGn5W4XJ8CbF4CU80yC7&s=J7dTWVzl_zR3Yqz_rSkn8nEeV7nsPb4AuiAW2GjXy6A&e=).

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will host the next PFAS External Advisory Group meeting from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm on Friday, Aug. 19, 2022. Agenda items include information on and updates to ongoing PFAS initiatives such as fish consumption advisories, voluntary municipal drinking water system sampling, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding opportunities for communities and the Green Tier program. More information on this meeting, including the Zoom link and an agenda, can be found at the[PFAS External Advisory Group webpage](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__lnks.gd_l_eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjA4MDUuNjE4NjI2MjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2Ruci53aXNjb25zaW4uZ292L3RvcGljL1BGQVMvUEVBRy5odG1sIn0.BlTgUMJZPbR9NTp1iFdv4wuybPTlGcyLyfK0OYVSQ64_s_62189112_br_142171758057-2Dl&d=DwMFAA&c=byefhD2ZumMFFQYPZBagUCDuBiM9Q9twmxaBM0hCgII&r=NtDZz87RXjThXjF3Bt7nY5YiVmrIGqJd5CQ6QH7HMxM&m=K9OpDblgPdPf8wdMy424CuT6qqpgHSItAfhXjU1fyPnHR3FItO99Md84V4RVkV82&s=6E1w3pC8wPixg85sydaT7TjF3XHeB_ybSZlZ5_n583Q&e=).

**June 8, 2022**
[Madison Water Utility will hold a meeting and listening session](https://www.cityofmadison.com/water/projects/well-15-pfas-treatment-project) about the status of municipal Well 15. They will also give information on an upcoming PFAS treatment project. You can give input on this project at this meeting and future ones. Water Utility will provide refreshments and other accommodations. The meeting will be June 30 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at East Madison Community Center, 8 Straubel Court, Madison.

**June 3, 2022**
The WI DNR will host the [PFAS Technical Group](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/PFAS/TechGroup.html) meeting on Friday, June 17, 2022 from 9:00 am - 10:30 am via Zoom. Guests include Clean Production Action and NSF. See the [meeting agenda and zoom link](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/sites/default/files/topic/PFAS/tag/Agenda20220617.pdf).

**April 28, 2022**
The Air National Guard is finishing part one of their remedial investigation of PFAS at Truax Field this week. Data from their investigation will be used to find out how much PFAS is present and the best ways to clean it up. [Read details](https://ng.wi.gov/news/22053).

**April 27, 2022**
A resolution was proposed to start the design of a treatment system for Well 15 on Madison’s east side to remove PFAS contamination. It will be reviewed by the City Finance Committee and the Water Utility Board, and is anticipated to return to the Common Council for a final vote on May 10, 2022. [Read details](https://www.cityofmadison.com/news/2022-04-18/madison-water-utility-pursues-design-for-well-15-pfas-treatment).

**April 13, 2022**
The [DNR PFAS External Advisory Group is meeting virtually on Friday, April 28, 2022 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/PFAS/PEAG.html). The public is invited to attend. People will be able to talk with DNR staff about implementation of the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](https://www.epa.gov/infrastructure).

**March 8, 2022**
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Department of Health Services (DHS) announced a new PFAS-based consumption advisory for Black Earth Creek at the junction with Blue Mound Creek in Dane County following the results of fish sampling conducted in 2020.

Elevated levels of PFOS, a type of PFAS, were found in brown trout samples from Black Earth Creek near Cross Plains. As a result, the DNR and DHS recommend consuming one meal per week for brown trout harvested from Black Earth Creek.

**February 17, 2022**
As part of their efforts to ensure Wisconsinites have access to safe drinking water, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has launched a new, voluntary program for communities that are interested in learning whether their municipal water supply is impacted by PFAS. Sampling is voluntary and available to all municipal drinking water systems in Wisconsin. [Read details, including how communities can contact them for sampling](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/PFAS/PWSampling).

**February 4, 2022**
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources PFAS Technical Group is meeting virtually on Friday, February 18 from 9:00 am – 10:30 am. It will include a guest from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to talk about innovative destructive technologies for PFAS-contaminated media and waste.

The public is invited to participate and may ask questions or provide comments at this meeting. Questions can be submitted in advance to DNRPFASInquiries@wisconsin.gov. More information on the meeting, including the Zoom link and an agenda are available on the [DNR’S PFAS Technical Group webpage](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__lnks.gd_l_eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjAyMDQuNTI5MjA2MzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2Ruci53aXNjb25zaW4uZ292L3RvcGljL1BGQVMvVGVjaEdyb3VwLmh0bWwifQ.AzyMVNS4lwuzWUKsqpk1BkkRrW-5FZCIqoMrGKOQlnYmA_s_62189112_br_126172761919-2Dl&d=DwMFAA&c=byefhD2ZumMFFQYPZBagUCDuBiM9Q9twmxaBM0hCgII&r=NtDZz87RXjThXjF3Bt7nY5YiVmrIGqJd5CQ6QH7HMxM&m=CCh8EcB9stScpMdpi6MmAX7-lTTGUlWKnTI3R0VPvK0&s=DIGyO4mJIYtf-W-qzRqHCwTPXx-ZDpNdnDA4K1erKQY&e=).

They are also hosting a meeting of the PFAS External Advisory Group on Friday, February 18 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Agenda items include updates on PFAS activities and perspectives from the DNR and External Advisory Group members.

The public is invited to attend and may ask questions or provide comments at the meeting. Questions can be submitted in advance to [DNRPFASInquiries@wisconsin.gov](http://wisconsin.gov/). More information on this meeting, including the Zoom link and an agenda, will be available at the [DNR’s PFAS External Advisory Group webpage](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__lnks.gd_l_eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMjAyMDQuNTI5MjA0OTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2Ruci53aXNjb25zaW4uZ292L3RvcGljL1BGQVMvUEVBRy5odG1sIn0.ksHSEI6BPBlPNhIbaKxN3GvVPH52eJfzIRxVy935f7k_s_62189112_br_126172762592-2Dl&d=DwMFAA&c=byefhD2ZumMFFQYPZBagUCDuBiM9Q9twmxaBM0hCgII&r=NtDZz87RXjThXjF3Bt7nY5YiVmrIGqJd5CQ6QH7HMxM&m=XWKXTQSkyOrl5kwzABtXlZGxkpo4nyWjmarH39jHAus&s=TH7YOrqmsyOOlZHmNUT1o_r0rYY8KaoXYVLnrst3ACc&e=).

**January 18, 2022**
The Wisconsin Air National Guard's 115th Fighter Wing hosted an open house on January 11 to address the current status of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances originating on and around Truax Field. You can [watch the recording](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FxyQOcSQDTc&t=5s)and [see the presentation slides](https://ng.wi.gov/wp-content/uploads/ANG_PFAS_Presention_Complete_RRSE_and_RI.pdf).

**January 10, 2022**
PFAS Remedial Investigation Open House at MATC’s Mitby Theater on Tuesday, January 11. This Open House will be hosted by the National Guard Bureau. The event begins at 6:00pm with a poster session, followed by presentations by the National Guard Bureau. A 45 minute Q&A session will start around 7:30pm.

**January 10, 2022**
[Dane County Regional Airport Progress Report Summary](https://publichealthmdc.com/documents/december_2021_report_dcra.pdf): an overview of actions to address PFAS (Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances) contamination at the Dane County Regional Airport since May 2021.

### 2021

**December 6, 2021**
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will host the next meeting of the PFAS External Advisory Group on Friday, Dec. 17, 2021, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The public is invited to attend and may ask questions and make comments at the meeting. Submit questions in advance to DNRPFASInquiries@wisconsin.gov. [Read more information](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/PFAS/PEAG.html) about this meeting, including a Zoom link and an agenda.

**November 11, 2021**
The Wisconsin PFAS Action Council (WisPAC) met on Nov. 10, 2021. The agenda, additional resources and the recording of this meeting are available on the [WisPAC webpage](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/PFAS/WisPAC.html).

**October 28, 2021**
The Wisconsin PFAS Action Council (WisPAC) will meet virtually via Zoom from 1-4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021. Agenda items for this meeting include a review of the PFAS Action Plan implementation progress and plans for the first annual report. In addition, there will be some discussion about the alignment of the [Wisconsin PFAS Action Plan](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__lnks.gd_l_eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTEwMjguNDgwMzM1MDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2Ruci53aXNjb25zaW4uZ292L3RvcGljL1BGQVMvQWN0aW9uUGxhbi5odG1sIn0.TS9SM1ppGns0Cs7UUUf3gSnmlzBRjdnH7ORLPW-2DlZyA_s_62189112_br_114973369723-2Dl&d=DwMFAw&c=byefhD2ZumMFFQYPZBagUCDuBiM9Q9twmxaBM0hCgII&r=NtDZz87RXjThXjF3Bt7nY5YiVmrIGqJd5CQ6QH7HMxM&m=o0jwds_U8CjUo2780FyOcp6kMucvpPtKd0H7ko9C0RA&s=AZhZ0WtIn1DvzmgbuS24selvnCu9Ub43MUvYJcQx9Kc&e=) and the recently released federal [EPA PFAS Strategic Roadmap](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__lnks.gd_l_eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTEwMjguNDgwMzM1MDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lcGEuZ292L3BmYXMvcGZhcy1zdHJhdGVnaWMtcm9hZG1hcC1lcGFzLWNvbW1pdG1lbnRzLWFjdGlvbi0yMDIxLTIwMjQifQ.kH8Om825nvPIZhWDehSC-2D4PH-5FxdgWatqJlHHVAnkd1M_s_62189112_br_114973369723-2Dl&d=DwMFAw&c=byefhD2ZumMFFQYPZBagUCDuBiM9Q9twmxaBM0hCgII&r=NtDZz87RXjThXjF3Bt7nY5YiVmrIGqJd5CQ6QH7HMxM&m=o0jwds_U8CjUo2780FyOcp6kMucvpPtKd0H7ko9C0RA&s=NN3mDfylfRyy2qTUA1C3Jg8fqTeIgFzpO78dBlUkJho&e=).

The agenda, additional resources and the Zoom web conferencing details for this meeting are available on the [WisPAC webpage](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__lnks.gd_l_eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTEwMjguNDgwMzM1MDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2Ruci53aXNjb25zaW4uZ292L3RvcGljL1BGQVMvV2lzUEFDLmh0bWwifQ.a2q3fznQ3qT0k9PDUXupY8Q223kvf3rii6ZBODlUlxU_s_62189112_br_114973369723-2Dl&d=DwMFAw&c=byefhD2ZumMFFQYPZBagUCDuBiM9Q9twmxaBM0hCgII&r=NtDZz87RXjThXjF3Bt7nY5YiVmrIGqJd5CQ6QH7HMxM&m=o0jwds_U8CjUo2780FyOcp6kMucvpPtKd0H7ko9C0RA&s=akx3bAaYVH9We68204E9-NEtf1QMCHTCtAQxr-f0gjE&e=).

**October 18, 2021**
The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a PFAS Strategic Roadmap. The roadmap sets timelines by which EPA plans to take specific actions and commits to bolder new policies to safeguard public health, protect the environment, and hold polluters accountable.

Read an overview of the [PFAS Strategic Roadmap](https://www.epa.gov/pfas/pfas-strategic-roadmap-epas-commitments-action-2021-2024). [Read the complete Roadmap](https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2021-10/pfas-roadmap_final-508.pdf).

**October 14, 2021**
[DNR To Host PFAS Technical Group Meeting Friday, Oct. 15, 2021.](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/PFAS/TechGroup.html)

**September 30, 2021**
[Madison Metropolitan Sewer District's PFAS results favorable, indicate expected levels for area.](https://madsewerpfasinitiative.org/2021/09/30/sewer-districts-pfas-results-favorable-indicate-expected-levels-for-area/)