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This message is being sent to all WI Municipal Drinking Water System Owners and Operators

Hello Drinking Water System Owner or Operator,

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has launched a new **voluntary, no analytical cost, PFAS Sampling Program** for all municipal public water systems statewide. To get more information or express interest in participating in the project systems can reply to this email address (DNRDGPFASSAMPLING@wisconsin.gov) The attached letter has additional information about the project and future communications.

Why is DNR implementing this project?

The state of Wisconsin and the EPA have developed PFAS Action Plans

- Primary goals of these plans include the identification of potential sources of PFAS contaminants, identification of PFAS contaminants in drinking water, and the establishment of drinking water health-based guidance levels and maximum contaminant levels protective of public health. This project continues DNR's efforts to partner with public water systems and communities to ensure Wisconsinites have access to drinking water that meets recommended and required standards.

Why might a Municipal Public Water System take advantage of this sampling project?

Some or all municipal systems will soon be required to sample for PFAS.

- Beginning in 2023, many of Wisconsin's public water systems will need to monitor for PFAS under the EPA's Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule Five (UCMR 5). The DNR is proposing drinking water MCLs for PFOA and PFOS which, if approved would require PFAS sampling at all municipal systems. The EPA has also indicated it will be proposing federal standards in the near future. Sampling for PFAS under the state's voluntary monitoring program this year will allow systems to sample for PFAS at no cost and have results prior to any required sampling.

Funding specific to addressing PFAS impacted will soon be available.

- The recently signed federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will provide the DNR (through its State Revolving Loan Program) funding specific to addressing PFAS impacts at municipal systems. Opportunities to access this funding will be available in late 2022 and only be available for a 5-year window. Participating in this sampling project will give impacted systems the opportunity to be among the first to apply for these resources.

Opportunity to partner with DNR, DHS, and WI State Lab of Hygiene to proactively assess impacts and protect public health.

- Throughout this project DNR, DHS, and WI State Lab of Hygiene will be working to partner with all participating systems to educate, train, communicate, and address any impacts.

Please read the attached letter for more information about the voluntary municipal PFAS sampling program and how you can express interest in participating in the program.

Thank you for your consideration.

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