

PFAS Contamination in Town of Stella Community Information Session

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PFAS Contamination in Town of Stella

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Agenda

- DNR and DHS Updates
- Temporary Drinking Water
- Long-term Water Options
- Ongoing Coordination and Communications
- Open Discussion

What We Know

What are PFAS?

PFAS are a group of human-made chemicals used for decades in numerous products.



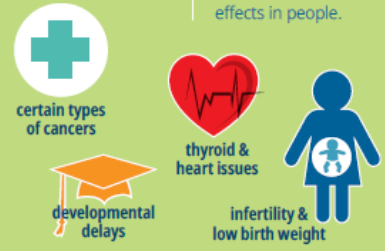
What is Wisconsin Doing About It?



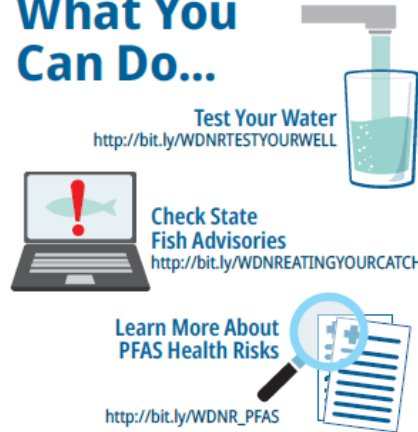
Additional efforts include a **PFAS Action Committee (WisPAC)** and a **PFAS Technical Advisory Group**.

Why Should I Care?

PFAS persist in the environment and the human body for long periods of time. Recent findings indicate that exposure to certain PFAS may have harmful health effects in people.



What You Can Do...



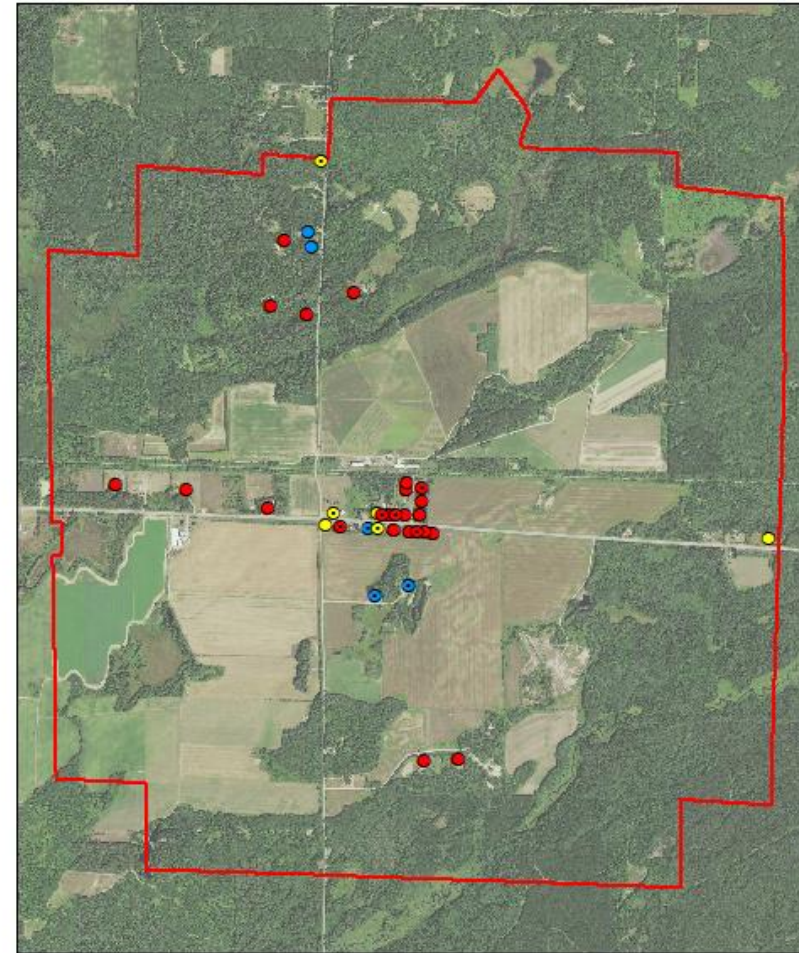
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Map of Starks area/Town of Stella
PFAS sampling results (as of 1/9/2023)

PFAS Sampling Area and Detections

- Sampled 38 wells, to date
- Detected PFAS above WI health guidelines in 24 wells

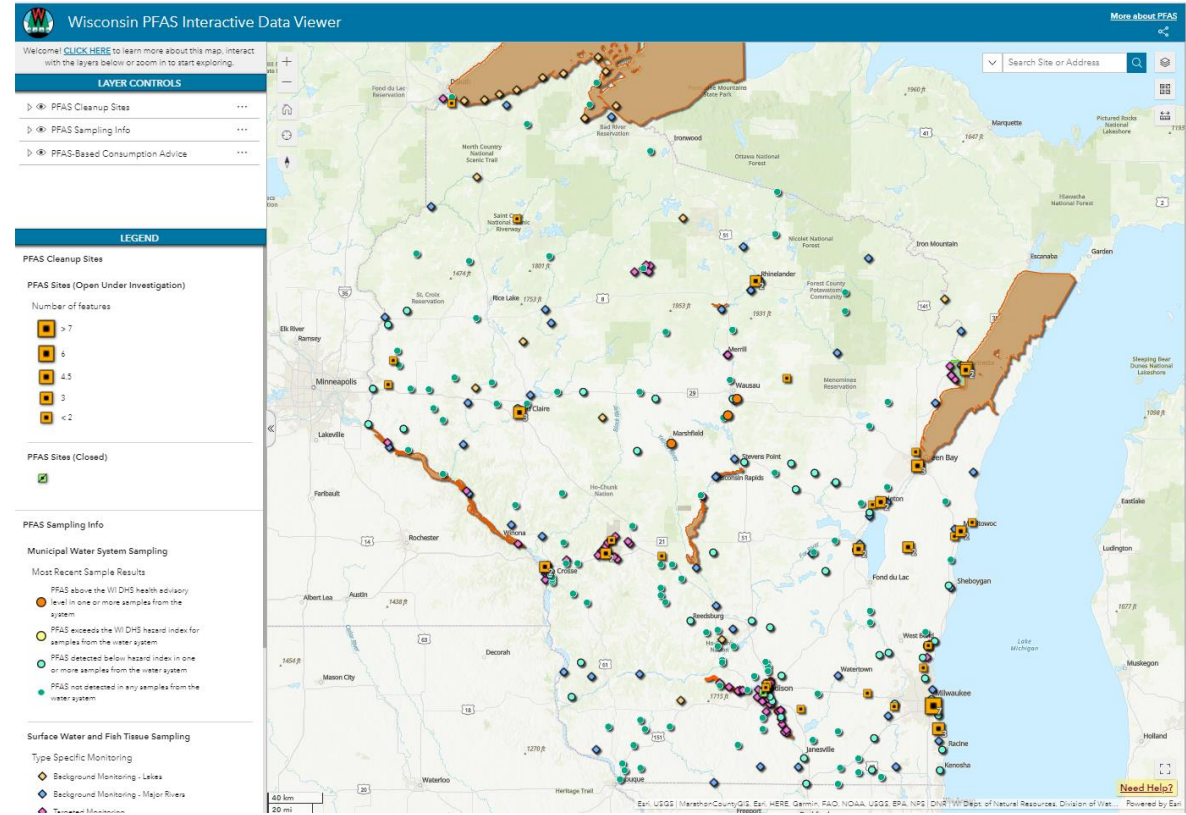


- No detection of any PFAS
- No detection of any PFAS (granite well)
- PFAS detected but < WI health guidelines
- PFAS detected but < WI health (granite well)
- PFAS > WI health guidelines
- PFAS > WI health guidelines (granite well)
- "Expanded" PFAS sampling area



DNR's Role at Contaminated Sites

- Take emergency and/or direct action to protect public health, safety or welfare or the environment, if needed
- Provide technical assistance when requested
- Ensure people responsible for contamination are following applicable laws



DHS' Role at Contaminated Sites

- Evaluate if people who live at or near a contaminated site may be affected
- Determine whether the contamination poses a human health risk
- Make recommendations for interventions to protect public health
- Support local health departments and DNR with community outreach and education



PFAS and Human Health

- Most people in the U.S. have PFAS in their blood
- Diet (food, drinking water) is the usual main source of exposure
- PFAS build up in the body and stay there for a long time
- Exposures to elevated levels of some PFAS may negatively impact health



Health Advisory

- We are reviewing well sample results
- We have issued well-specific drinking water advisories for wells with PFAS levels in exceedance of WI recommended groundwater standards



Temporary Drinking Water

- Carryout Cases of Bottled Water
- Bottled Water to Homes – DNR supplied
- Sampling Additional Private Water Supply Wells



Temporary Drinking Water DNR-provided 5-Gallon Water Containers



- Water agreement may be found on the DNR website or in paper form at the Town of Stella town hall
- Return signed agreements to:
DNRStellaPFAS@Wisconsin.gov OR

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Gwen Saliars
625 East County Road Y, STE. 700
Oshkosh, WI 54901

Long-Term Water Options



Website and E-mail Updates

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/PFAS/Stella.html>

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