

Dept. of Natural Resources: Seeking public input on PFAS contamination in Marinette, Peshtigo and surrounding communities

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MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is holding online listening sessions on Wednesday, July 21, to seek public input on PFAS contamination in the city of Marinette, the town of Peshtigo and surrounding communities. These listening sessions are the 15th in a series of public input opportunities hosted by the DNR for area residents.

The listening sessions will include routine updates from the DNR and the Department of Health Services (DHS) regarding the status of the PFAS investigations in the community.

PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) are a group of human-made chemicals used for decades in numerous products, including non-stick cookware, fast food wrappers, stain-resistant sprays and certain types of firefighting foam.

These contaminants have made their way into the environment through spills of PFAS-containing chemicals, discharges of PFAS-containing wastewater to treatment plants and certain types of firefighting foams.

Addressing PFAS contamination in the environment is part of Gov. Tony Evers' statewide initiative to ensure Wisconsinites have access to clean, safe drinking water. In 2019, the governor signed [Executive Order #40](#) to address the issue of PFAS across the state.

Additional information on PFAS is available on the [Wisconsin DHS website](#) and the [Wisconsin DNR website](#).

Listening Sessions On PFAS Contamination In Marinette & Peshtigo

WHEN: Wednesday, July 21, 2021, noon-2 p.m. and 6-7:30 p.m.

WHO:

- Christine Haag – DNR Remediation and Redevelopment Program Director
- Bridget Kelly – DNR Remediation and Redevelopment Program PFAS Team Leader
- Alyssa Sellwood – DNR Remediation and Redevelopment Program Project Manager
- Kyle Burton – DNR Drinking Water and Groundwater Field Operations Director
- Brita Kilburg-Basnyat – DHS Toxicologist

WHERE: [Join via Zoom here](#). Join by phone: 312-626-6799; Meeting ID: 826 6979 2625