

# Dept. of Natural Resources: To host 'Protecting The People - Safe Drinking Water For All' webinar Oct. 12

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**MADISON, Wis.** – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will host the last of three educational webinars, [Protecting The People - Safe Drinking Water For All](#), from 12-1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 12.

The webinar series is part of the [Safe Water For All Campaign](#) announced in July that is dedicated to educating the public on the leading drinking water contaminants, including PFAS, nitrates, lead and their impact on your health.

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Speakers include **Steve Elmore**, DNR Drinking Water and Groundwater Program Director, **Jennifer Hauxwell**, Associate Director at the University of Wisconsin Aquatics Sciences Center and **Jon Meiman**, Chief Medical Officer at the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. **Bruce Rheineck**, DNR Groundwater Section Chief, will moderate the session.

Gov. Tony Evers declared 2019 the Year of Clean Drinking Water to address the fact

that not all Wisconsinites have access to safe, clean drinking water. Gov. Evers directed the DNR and DHS, the agencies entrusted with protecting Wisconsin's health and water resources, to strengthen water quality standards for nitrate, PFAS and lead.

[Learn more about how the State of Wisconsin is protecting our drinking water here.](#)

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## Safe Water For All Panel Series

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[Watch via the DNR's YouTube Channel here.](#)