Dept. of Natural Resources: Seeking public comment for environmental review of Rib Mountain Sanitary District Safe Drinking Water Loan Program Project

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MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced the Rib Mountain Sanitary District is an applicant for funding through the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) to improve its public drinking water system.

The project includes the installation of temporary treatment for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at Well #1 and the installation of permanent treatment for PFAS, Iron and Manganese at all four wells.

Activities related to this project are minor actions under Chapter NR 150, Wis. Admin. Code, for which no environmental analysis is required; however, following the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program federal requirement 40 C.F.R. §35.3580, an environmental review must be conducted before funding this project.

The Safe Drinking Water Loan Program has determined that the project will not result in significant adverse environmental effects, and no further environmental review or analysis is needed before proceeding with funding the project.

The public is encouraged to submit comments regarding this decision and the potential environmental impacts of this project. Submit comments by Sept. 1, 2023 to:

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Based on the comments received, the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program may prepare an environmental analysis before proceeding with the funding process. The analysis would summarize the DNR's consideration of the project's impacts and reasonable alternatives.