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Rep. Nygren Reacts to Executive Order #40

Madison--State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette), released the following statement regarding Executive Order #40:

“Earlier today, Governor Evers’s announced Executive Order #40 relating to the Public Health Risk from Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) and the Creation of the PFAS Coordinating Council.”

“Over the last year, I have been working diligently with local and state officials, health experts, the regulated community and constituents to help gain a better understanding of the PFAS contamination issue and ways that we as lawmakers can aid cleanup efforts and prevent further contamination.

“Most recently, I authored AB 323 which would restrict the use of “Class B” firefighting foam with added PFAS, a root cause of this type of contamination in Marinette and Peshtigo. The use of these foams is also linked to water contamination in a growing number of other areas around the state.

“In the state budget, I voted to provide the DNR with two new scientists and additional resources to study and address PFAS contamination. It is important we reduce possible contamination sources and their negative effects, and the budget we passed continues us on that path.”

“Earlier this year I authored Assembly Bill 85, which calls on the Department of Health Services to develop state-based groundwater standards for PFOA and PFOS. I also called on the DNR to do a thorough review of Marinette’s wastewater permit as it pertains to the spreading of PFAS-tainted municipal biosolid sludge.”

“I am happy to see that Governor Evers is now taking this issue seriously. Every citizen, regardless of where they call home, deserves to have access to safe and reliable drinking water. The work does not end today and I will continue to advocate on behalf of the constituents of the 89th Assembly District.”

“It is vital that any work stemming from this Executive Order is carried out in a measured, deliberate, and transparent fashion by bringing a wide variety of stakeholders to the table and using reliable science.”

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