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## **DNR's Budget Request Fails to Address PFAS Contamination**

**Madison**--State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette), Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Finance released the following statement:

“Over the last year I have heard on multiple occasions, from both stakeholders and the DNR, that a lack of resources is hampering the DNR’s response to PFAS contamination,” said Rep. Nygren. “Considering this, I was surprised that the DNR’s budget request did not contain any requests to help the agency address PFAS contamination.”

“In the last state budget, I led the effort in the Legislature to fund all of the DNR’s requests to study PFAS and address water contamination. I also authored bipartisan legislation, with input from the DNR, to provide additional resources to address PFAS contamination and provide clean water to those impacted by PFAS contamination.”

State law requires agencies to submit budget requests by September 15 of even-numbered years. The nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau confirmed that DNR’s budget request, which was submitted on September 15, 2020, did not contain any requests that would address PFAS contamination.

“Although the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted state tax collections, the environmental management account has a balance of about \$18.8 million. These funds could be used to address PFAS contamination, reducing the need for general fund tax revenues.”

“Despite the DNR not requesting funding to address PFAS contamination, I will continue to work on behalf of Wisconsinites to ensure everyone has access to clean water.”

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