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Dear Neighbor,

As we promised in our letter last month, we want to provide regular updates about the work we are doing to ensure clean drinking water for the residents in the Township of Peshtigo. We know you have questions and we want to keep you informed with highlights of key developments.

In the next few weeks, we'll also be introducing an upgraded website, where you will be able to find more information than can be included in a letter of this length. We will ensure that you have all the details about how you can access this website when it is available. Until then, you can continue to visit <u>www.marinette.tycofpp.com</u>.

Now, onto this month's highlights.

- **Ditch B.** We have received the final permit to install the water treatment system at Ditch B (near the Lutheran Retirement Community) and the work is scheduled to begin this week. We have designed the structure to match the adjacent building and have taken steps to limit noise levels once the structure and system are in place. We estimate the system to be in operation by late-summer.
- **Ditch A.** To date, approximately 7 million gallons of water at Ditch A (at our fire training and research center property) have been successfully treated. All samples taken at the filtration site have shown that the system is very effective at removing PFAS from Ditch A.
- **Municipal Water Line.** We are continuing our discussions with leaders and residents in the Township of Peshtigo about the best way to provide a long-term, safe and reliable water supply. We believe that extending service from the City of Marinette is the best viable option and will continue to share details about the design and engineering efforts.
- Water Sampling. With winter finally over, we have started the spring sampling of drinking water wells in the sampling area. We also are continuing to conduct routine testing of the Point of Entry Treatment Systems (POETs). Please review the letter we sent last week and call us at 800-314-1381 to discuss the best time for us to conduct this testing. We anticipate results will be available approximately five weeks after your sampling date.
- **Wastewater Management.** We have voluntarily continued to suspend discharging wastewater that contains firefighting foam to the Marinette wastewater treatment plant and we are evaluating possible options for addressing that wastewater at the fire training and research center location.
- Biosolids. As you may be aware, the City of Marinette has recently provided information on its website (www.marinette.wi.us) indicating where biosolids have been spread on agricultural fields. We have also started the process of inspecting, cleaning and as necessary, sealing the sanitary lines at our facilities, and are working closely with the City of Marinette to address disposal of the material currently held in the City's storage tanks.

We have also received questions about remediating the fire training and research center. As outlined above, we are close to completing the first step: getting the water treatment systems at both ditches in place. Our next step will be to evaluate available options and collect additional data so that we can have an accurate picture of the issue and then can work with the Department of Natural Resources to get an approved plan in place for addressing it. We are moving quickly but thoughtfully to be sure we can put in place a long-term solution.

We hope you'll find these letters and the upgraded website useful. But we don't just want to write to you, we want to hear from you. So in the weeks ahead, we will be reaching out to the community and hope you will reach back to us by calling 800-314-1381 with comments and questions. We will answer as many as we are able.

Finally, please let us know if there are other people who should be receiving these letters. Thank you for your time and interest.

Very truly yours,

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