

September 29, 2020

Dear Neighbor,

After pausing our community letters during the summer, we wanted to resume our outreach with a discussion of events that have occurred, as well as some new plans for the future.

Earlier this month, we provided the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) the complete results of the testing of wells near farmland where biosolids from the Marinette and Peshtigo Wastewater Treatment Facilities were spread. Here are the main findings:

- 94% of the drinking water wells recorded combined PFOA and PFOS levels below the U.S. EPA's health advisory level of 70 parts per trillion (ppt).
- 87% of drinking water wells detected numbers below Wisconsin's proposed 20 ppt groundwater standard.
- 77% of drinking water wells were non-detect or below a reporting limit that cannot distinguish between 0 and 1.8 ppt.
- The testing found only "isolated areas" where several drinking water wells exceeded the proposed groundwater standard with no apparent "widespread contamination" of drinking water.
- There are likely "multiple sources" of the PFAS spread on farmland between 1996 and 2018.

The full report can be viewed at <https://tycomarinette.com/communication/wdnr-biosolids-report/>.

You may be aware that we submitted new sampling results to the WDNR for Ditches A and B and Green Bay. The results for Ditch A and Green Bay were encouraging – they were well below the proposed PFOA and PFOS surface water standard for the State of Wisconsin. However, the results for Ditch B were not acceptable to us.

Given these results, we immediately began to improve the Ditch B treatment system, and we are accelerating our evaluation of a permanent solution that would address PFAS at the source, to remove it from the groundwater and prevent it from entering the ditch. We are consulting with multiple experts to develop this solution and are continually engaging with the WDNR to pursue the kind of permanent fix we are all seeking.

In addition, there was recent media coverage about an oil spill in an area above the Ditch B treatment system. The oil did not originate from any Tyco operation. The WDNR traced the oil back to a residential area, but as of this writing, its origin is still unknown.

There could be any number of causes for this contamination – for example, someone could have dumped gasoline into the ditch. Regardless of the origin, to protect the community and the water, Tyco voluntarily stepped in to clean up as much of the oil as possible. If you have any information about the spill, please contact the WDNR's tip line at [1-800-TIP-WDNR](tel:1-800-TIP-WDNR).

Lastly, the WDNR released cautionary advice that the livers of deer found within a five-mile radius around the FTC should not be eaten. However, according to Tami Ryan, WDNR wildlife health section chief, "We want to be clear that people should feel comfortable eating venison from deer they've harvested near this area. We just advise they do not consume the liver." The WDNR reported that PFAS levels in venison muscle and heart tissue were either very low or not detected. As more is understood about this emerging area of research, we will continue to work with the WNDR to ensure the safety of the community remains a top priority.

As always, please visit [TycoMarinette.com](http://TycoMarinette.com) for additional updates, and feel free to reach out to us with any questions at (800) 314-1381 or (715) 582-7100.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JCox', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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