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Bart Sponseller, Administrator
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Subject: Proposed timeline for state groundwater quality standard recommendations

Dear Mr. Sponseller,

Thank you for your February 18, 2026 letter requesting our assistance in developing health-based state groundwater quality standards for 21 pesticide substances.

This letter is to provide the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) with a proposed timeline for these recommendations in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between our agencies about this process.

We have estimated that we can complete the review and provide recommendations by November of 2026. This timeline reflects our current staffing resources available for this effort. If additional resources become available, we anticipate that we could shorten the timeline.

We look forward to working with you further in this collaborative effort to protect and promote the health and safety of the people of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paula Tran".

Paula Tran
Administrator and State Health Officer
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cc:

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