

PFAS External Advisory Group

Feb. 20, 2026

Welcome and Introductions



Roll Call

External Advisory Group Members		
Erin Bulson, Waste Management	Scott Manley, Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce	Mark Thimke, Wisconsin's Green Fire
Joe Grande, American Water Works Association – Wisconsin Section and Madison Water Utility	Paul Mathewson, Clean Wisconsin	Keren Vivas, Wisconsin Paper Council
Chris Groh, Wisconsin Rural Water Association	Nick Novak, Midwest Food Products Association	Vanessa Wishart, Stafford Rosenbaum LLP
David Hagenbucher, Marathon County Solid Waste	Doug Oitzinger, Marinette Citizen	Ned Witte, E & W Law
Toni Herkert, League of Municipalities	Laura Olah, Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger	
George Klaetsch, Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association	John Osborne, GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. Ben Verburg is representing GZA	
Lawrie Kobza, Municipal Environmental Group – Water Division	John Robinson, Wisconsin's Green Fire	
Rob Lee, Midwest Environmental Advocates	Alfredo Sotomayor, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District	

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Working Group Updates
- DNR Updates
- EAG Member Open Forum
- Public Comment

Working Groups

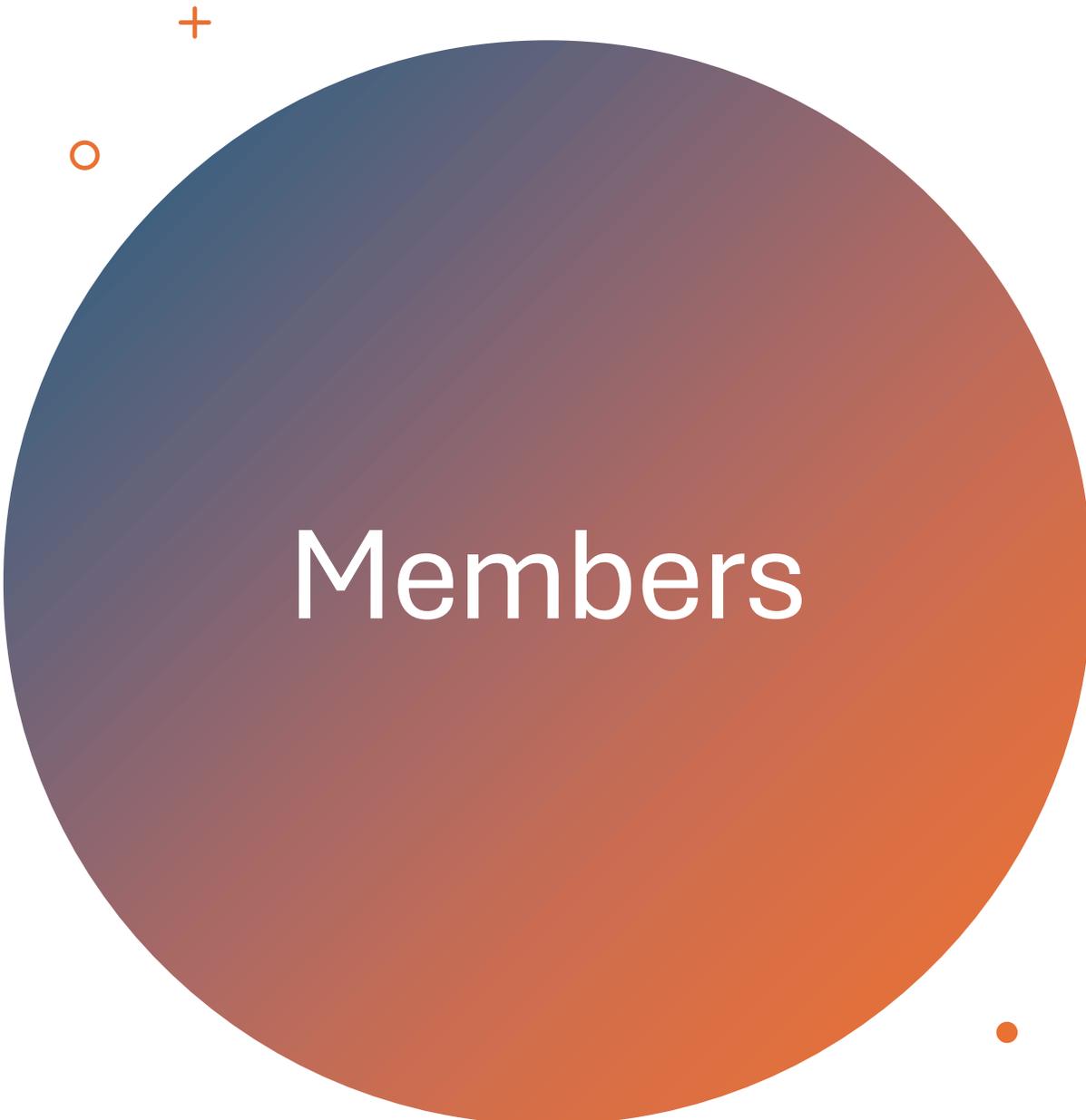
Cost Work Group



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February 2026





Members

- Joe Grande
 - Lawrie Kobza
 - Toni Herkert
 - Erin Bulson
 - Vanessa Wishart
 - Lee Donahue
 - John Robinson
 - Nathalie Ionesco
 - Keren Vivas
 - Dave Henderson
 - Meaghan Cibarich DNR
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Cost Categories

Immediate Response

Water Supply

Investigation/Analytical

Planning, Design, Construction Oversight

Interim Remedy

Permanent Remedy

Capital

Operation & Maintenance Costs

Life Cycle Costs

Disposal Costs

Media

Products

AFFF

Product Replacement

Leachate Treatment Costs

Biosolid Disposal Costs

Financing

Other



Sources of Information

Members

PSC Filings

Grant Awards

Local Utilities/Communities

**Minnesota PFAS Removal
Report**

Surveys AWWA

Other





Funding Sources

Water Rates PSC Approval

Safe Drinking Water and
Clean Water Funding
Emerging
Contaminants

PFAS Trust Fund

Local Sources

Litigation: 3M Settlement

Other



Projects Funded

Municipality	FAA Amount	Princ. Forg.	Description
Madison	\$5,885,725	\$2,932,863	Treat Well 15
Weston	\$2,821,651	\$1,410,826	Treat wells 3 & 4
Prescott	\$1,860,807	\$0	Install RO Treatment at well 3
Rothschild	\$7,551,253	\$3,500,000	Construct PFAS Treatment Facility
Adams	\$4,700,845	\$3,055,550	Treat well 4
Eau Claire	\$19,895,208	\$3,500,000	Treat PFAS at WTP 8 mil gals/day
	\$42,715,489	\$14,399,239	

Emerging Contaminants In Small Or Disadvantaged Communities (EC-SDC) Grant Program

**Other-Than-Municipal & Nonprofit Non-Transient Non-Community
Public Water Systems**

Current Status of Grant Awards Issued

January 31 2026

A	Lakewood Village	12801096	Jefferson	Lakewood Village Well Replacement	\$178,800.00
A	Maine Elementary School	73704675	Marathon	Maine Elementary School PFAS Treatment System	\$80,543.60
A	Maple Grove MHP	11401357	Dodge	New Well Construction	\$83,247.00
A	Rogers Mem Hosp-Cedar Ridge Main	26867137	Waukesha	Roger's Behavioral Health-Cedar Ridge Well Replacement	\$44,370.00
A	Sugar Camp Elementary School	74406585	Oneida	Water Treatment Replacement for Manganese Reduction	\$10,385.15
A	Westwind Mobile Home	70100723	Adams	Westwind Estates Well Replacement	\$234,423.00
A	Minocqua Hazelhurst Elementary School	74406574	Oneida	Ion exchange (AIX) water treatment system installation	\$240,000.00
A	Countryside Estates MHC	61802884	Eau Claire	High Capacity Well Replacement	\$240,000.00

A	Merrill Area School District Pine River School for Young Learners	73503056	Lincoln	New Well Construction	\$211,915.00
A	DC Everest Area School District – Riverside Elementary School	73702992	Marathon	PFAS Shield Water Treatment Installation	\$\$100,024.75
A	Cozy MHP	61802862	Eau Claire	New Well Construction	\$240,000.00
A	Hales Happiness	24105752	Milwaukee	Well Abandonment	\$135,000.00
B	Washington Island School	41511668	Door	Replacement of Current Well for PFOS	\$115,089.67
B	Dakota Capital LLC	47002714	Waushara	New High Capacity Well	\$189,557.00
B	Elmore Heights	42004897	Fond du Lac	New High Capacity Well	\$200,996.00
B	Readfield Elementary	46905958	Waupaca	New Well Construction	\$40,096.23
B	NTC Ag Center	73725905	Marathon	Treatment System Installation	\$222,700.00
B	Anthony Acres School	61803082	Eau Claire	New Well Construction	\$17,035.00

Questions

Supply Chain

Recent State Action on PFAS Products

Mark A. Thimke

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Colorado

- Effective January 1, 2026
- “Sell or distribute”
- Designated products with “intentionally added PFAS”
- Covers
 - Cleaning products
 - Cookware
 - Dental Floss
 - Menstruation products
 - Ski wax
 - Installation of artificial turf

Connecticut

- Effective January 1, 2026
- Outdoor apparel for “severe wet weather”
 - No distribution sale if it contains intentionally added PFAS unless disclosure
- Effective July 1, 2026 – other consumer products added to PFAS ban list
 - Apparel
 - Carpets/rugs
 - Cleaning products
 - Cookware
 - Cosmetics
 - Dental floss
 - Fabric treatment
 - Children’s products
 - Textile furnishing
 - Ski wax
 - Upholstered furniture
- May continue to be sold if prior notice provided to Connecticut

Maine

- Effective January 1, 2026
- Following products with intentionally added PFAS cannot be sold
 - Cleaning products
 - Cookware
 - Cosmetics
 - Dental floss
 - Juvenile products
 - Menstruation products
 - Textiles
 - Ski wax
 - Upholstered furniture

Minnesota

- Effective January 1, 2026
- Report to state on intentionally added PFAS in products
- Substantial due diligence required

Vermont

- Effective January 1, 2026
- Ban on sale of following products with “intentionally added” PFAS
 - Stain/water resistant treatments
 - Artificial turf
 - Incontinency protection products
 - Residential rugs/carpets
 - Ski wax
- Uses “total organic fluorine” as surrogate for testing individual PFAS
- Initial level set at 100 ppm TOF; then reduced to 50 ppm TOF (January 1, 2027)

Washington

- Effective January 1, 2026
- Requires notice to state if products sold with “intentionally added” PFAS
- Uses TOF as surrogate for PFAS with limit set at 50 ppm TOF
- Products
 - Outdoor leather/textile furniture (banned)
 - Auto wax
 - Extreme conditions apparel
 - Footwear
 - Recreation gear
 - Cookware/kitchen supplies
 - Floor wax
 - Firefighting equipment
 - Hard surface sealers
 - Ski wax

Takeaway

- Understand state definition of “PFAS”
- Watch for increased use of “surrogate” PFAS measures like TOF
- Due diligence key to compliance

Waste Management

DNR Updates



Open Forum External Advisory Group Members

Wrap-Up and Next Steps



Public Comment

- Submit questions or comments via the Q&A function in Zoom (please indicate if you'd like to read aloud)

OR

- “Raise Hand” and you’ll be unmuted to provide your comment
- We will attempt to address comments and requests to speak in the order that they are received
- Please keep comments to 3 minutes

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