

Polluting the Groundwater Process Bill Opens Door for Polluters

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Proposed legislation a thinly veiled attempt by polluters to influence unbiased groundwater standards process.

MADISON – Action on clean water legislation is reaching a fever pitch in the waning days of the legislative session, but one bill stands out as a sneak attack on clean water.

The bill, AB 794, is an all-access pass for polluting special interests to influence the establishment of Wisconsin's groundwater pollution standards.

As if often the case with legislation supported by pro-polluter groups like the American Chemistry Council, the Wisconsin Paper Council, and Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce, it is masquerading as something else – a public access bill.

The Polluting the Groundwater Process Bill (AB 794) would allow polluters to interfere in a process that for decades has protected the establishment of science-based groundwater standards from being influenced by corporate polluters with a vested interest in making those standards weaker.

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