

Legislation to Address Statewide PFAS Contamination Announced

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Democrats reintroduce the CLEAR Act to enact and enforce statewide PFAS standards, fund PFAS testing, monitoring, and mitigation efforts.

LA CROSSE — Gov. Tony Evers, together with State Senator Melissa Agard (D-Madison) and State Representative Samba Baldeh (D-Madison), reintroduced Wisconsin's Chemical Level Enforcement and Remediation (CLEAR) Act for the 2021-23 legislative session in La Crosse today. The city of La Crosse and town of Campbell have recently been impacted by PFAS contamination on French Island in La Crosse County. The governor was also joined at the press conference by State Sen. Brad Pfaff (D-La Crosse), State Rep. Jill Billings (D-La Crosse), State Rep. Steve Doyle (D-Onalaska), and town of Campbell Board Member Lee Donahue.

The CLEAR Act, [LRB-2927](#), gets to work to address statewide PFAS contamination and includes several provisions that are in the governor's Badger Bounceback agenda. Among many others, these provisions include funding new positions at the DNR specific to the implementation of a PFAS action plan, creating the PFAS municipal grant program for testing and remediation efforts by local governments, funding statewide monitoring and testing initiatives, collecting and disposing of PFAS contaminated firefighting foam, and establishing and enforcing environmental standards for PFAS.

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