

Public Works Committee Report

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding Voluntary Sampling of the Milton Water Utility for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyls Substances (PFAS)

Meeting Date: May 3, 2022

Presenter: Mark Langer, Public Works Director

Department: Public Works

Conformance with Strategic Plan:

- Affordability & Financial Stability
- Safe, Inclusive, Welcoming Community
- Diverse Opportunities for Fun and Life-Long Learning
- High Performing Organization with Professional Staff
- Environment for Business Success with Thoughtful Growth and Development

Summary

Discussion PFAS sampling for the municipal drinking water system.

Analysis and Key Issues

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has created a voluntary program for communities that are interested in learning whether their municipal water supply is impacted by PFAS. Sampling is voluntary and available to all municipal drinking water systems in Wisconsin. If Milton elects to proceed with the sampling WDNR will partner with Milton to facilitate sampling, communicate results and support follow-up actions.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has informed Milton that the water system is subject to the requirements of the next Unregulated Contaminants Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5). This requires certain water systems to sample for PFAS and lithium during a 12-month period between 2023 and 2025. Any sampling conducted through the WDNR voluntary program will not count towards sampling requirements of UCMR 5.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact beyond staff time to coordinate the sampling. There is a potential fiscal impact depending on the results of the sampling and possible required follow-up action.

Recommended Motion

City administration seeks direction on the WDNR voluntary PFAS sampling program.

Attachments

- None