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Honorable Howard Marklein, Senate Chair
Joint Committee on Finance
Room 316 East, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53703

Honorable Mark Born, Assembly Chair
Joint Committee on Finance
Room 308 East, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Senator Marklein and Representative Born,

The Department of Natural Resources requests a supplement of \$116,350,000 SEG in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$8,650,000 SEG in fiscal year 2024-25 from the Committee's segregated funds general program supplements appropriation under s. 20.865 (4)(u) to the department's PFAS general program operations appropriation under s. 20.370 (4)(mw) to address and prevent perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination in this state.

As directed by current law, the Department seeks additional resources to serve as the “central unit of state government to protect, maintain, and improve the quality and management of the waters of the state, ground and surface, public and private”. The Department will establish intergovernmental agreements under Wis. Stats. Ch. 66, 281 and 292.31 to reimburse and provide additional financial assistance local units of government for work undertaken to identify and address PFAS in all media and prevent contamination in Wisconsin.

This request consists of five components and is itemized, by fiscal year, in the summary table below.

- 1) **Impacted Communities:** The Department requests \$64.15 million to support local communities working to address PFAS, including temporary and interim water, resources for private well owners, and to supplement principal forgiveness for projects receiving funding through the Clean Water Fund and Safe Drinking Water Loan programs.
 - a. \$60.0 million would be made available as grants to local units of government.
 - b. \$4.15 million would be for contractual, sampling and other support costs.
- 2) **Source Reduction:** The Department requests \$6.35 million to empower businesses, facilities and local communities working to reduce or eliminate the use or release of PFAS into the environment. This will also help support the transition to alternative products.
 - a. \$4.0 million would be made available as grants to local units of government.
 - b. \$2.35 million would be for contractual, sampling and other support costs.
- 3) **Public Health:** The Department requests \$32.25 million to provide resources to private well owners and support public health interventions in Wisconsin. Resources would support implementation of federal PFAS limits and the public health response – including efficient identification of and disruption to exposures.
 - a. \$30.0 million would be made available as grants to local units of government.
 - b. \$2.25 million would be for contractual, sampling and other support costs.

- 4) Research: The Department requests \$9.6 million to conduct research activities across the state. These resources will be used to sample drinking water, landfills, wastewater, waterways, and biosolids. The Department will also use these resources to support the ongoing study and analysis of the presence of PFAS.
- \$7.5 million would be made available as grants to local units of government.
 - \$2.1 million would be for contractual, sampling and other support costs.
- 5) Destruction and Disposal: The Department requests \$12.65 million to support different destruction and disposal methods for PFAS.
- \$10.0 million would be made available as grants to local units of government.
 - \$2.65 million would be for contractual, sampling and other support costs.

Spending Category	FY24\$	FY25 \$
Impacted Communities	\$61,650,000	\$2,500,000
Source Reduction	\$4,600,000	\$1,750,000
Public Health	\$30,750,000	\$1,500,000
Research	\$8,100,000	\$1,500,000
Destruction and Disposal	\$11,250,000	\$1,400,000
Total	\$116,350,000	\$8,650,000

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Steven Little, Deputy Secretary

cc:

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