



August 20, 2026

Honorable Howard Marklein, Senate Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Finance
Room 316 East, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53707

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 \$9,999,885.50 in fiscal year 2026-27 from the Committee's segregated supplemental appropriation under Wis. Stat. s. 20.865(4)(u) to the department's General program operations appropriation under Wis. Stat. s. 20.370(1)(mw). The supplemental transfer coincides with the judgement in *State of Wisconsin v. Tyco Fire Products, LP*, Brown County Case No. 22-CX-0001, resulting in a payment of \$9,999,885.50 from Tyco Fire Products, LP (Tyco) to the PFAS Trust Fund.

Approval of this request will enable the department's Bureau of Remediation and Redevelopment to exercise its authority under Wis. Stat. s. 292.31 to conduct environmental repair in response to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) likely discharged from Tyco's Fire Technology Center (FTC), including providing safe drinking water to the community impacted by this discharge.

Background

On June 5, 2026, the Brown County Circuit Court approved a settlement agreement which resolved *State of Wisconsin v. Tyco Fire Products, LP*. The State's 2022 complaint alleged Tyco violated Wisconsin's Spills Law for failure to notify, investigate, and remediate PFAS contamination from its FTC facility in Marinette, Wisconsin. The settlement agreement negotiated between the Department of Justice and Tyco:

- identifies actions Tyco must take in certain areas to address PFAS contamination from the FTC, and
- requires that Tyco pay \$9,999,885.50 into the state's PFAS Trust Fund.

A map of areas described in the settlement agreement is attached (*Exhibit 1*). These areas include the Potable Well Sampling Area (PWSA) and Expanded Site Investigation Area (ESIA). The PWSA and ESIA are located in the town of Peshtigo, whose residents access drinking water through private wells. PFAS contamination has been detected in the water in private wells in both the PWSA and the ESIA.

Under the settlement, Tyco must offer and provide safe drinking water to households in the PWSA; however, Tyco is *not* required to take further action in the ESIA.

Tyco has completed its requirement to deposit \$9,999,885.50 to the PFAS Trust Fund, and the money is now available for distribution from the PFAS Trust Fund and into a state appropriation. The impacted community has expressed a priority for Tyco's payment to be used to provide safe drinking water to residents with private wells affected by PFAS contamination by the FTC, focusing first on residents in the ESIA.

Community Input

The Bureau of Remediation and Redevelopment and Drinking Water and Groundwater have worked closely with the impacted community since 2019 to keep them informed on the status of Tyco's investigation and remediation and on PFAS impacts to the drinking water in their area. The department is in a strong position to effectively administer the settlement funds to meet their expressed interest and need for safe drinking water.

Following the court's approval of the settlement, the department hosted two listening sessions in Marinette, the first on June 22nd, and the second on July 13th, to inform the community about what was included in the settlement, hear how they would like the funds to be used, and to get feedback on what would be included in this request to the Committee. Additional input was also provided by community members outside of these listening sessions.

Request

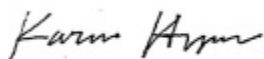
The funds requested will be assigned to activities that address harm from PFAS which the department considers likely to have been discharged at Tyco's FTC. The funded activities will be complementary to the actions that Tyco is required to take through the settlement. A top priority will be to provide safe drinking water to residents with private wells affected by PFAS contamination likely discharged from the FTC, focusing first on residents in the ESIA.

The requested funds will be used for the following activities in the impacted community:

- Testing of private wells for PFAS.
- Providing an option for safe drinking water for residents with private wells impacted by PFAS likely discharged from the FTC and which Tyco is not required to address. Anticipated activities include, but are not limited to:
 - o Installing a water treatment system that is certified to remove PFAS.
 - o Constructing a new private well, with the following additional actions:
 - Testing the water quality in the new well.
 - Installing water treatment on the new well, as needed to deliver safe drinking water.
 - Properly abandoning impacted private wells that are replaced with a new well.
 - o Testing treated water at the point of use to verify treatment efficacy.
- Paying for the long-term operation and maintenance costs of treatment systems, as funding allows.
- Offering blood serum testing for PFAS to individuals that live in the city of Marinette, PWSA, or ESIA.
- Providing a community liaison consultant to help residents apply for and implement these activities.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Karen Hyun, Secretary

Attachment: Exhibit 1

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