



With respect to Senate Bill 312 and Assembly Bill 312, the Wisconsin Public Health Association (WPHA) and the Wisconsin Association of Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB) support the creation of a PFAS grant program to assist municipalities with testing, necessary infrastructure, as well as other related priorities. However, WPHA and WALHDAB have concerns about provisions in both bills that place limitations on state government agency authority and ability to identify and address these environmental hazards.

In particular, we have the following specific comments:

- We suggest that the bill further promotes and incentivizes well testing, as PFAS biosolids are often spread on rural fields.
- PFAS should be added as a contaminant that is included as one of the substances that is detectable by the fee-exempt well test kits provided by local health departments. Furthermore, we recommend that the Legislature appropriate funds for these test kits.
- We support pre-treatment of PFAS contaminated wastewater as the responsibility of the entity that generates the wastewater, not the municipality, as much as would be feasible.
- We do not support reducing Department of Natural Resources enforcement capability in any way.