

Community Risk and Resilience

• Achievements to Date

- Compile of media on PFAS and lead water contamination in Wisconsin
- Map PFAS levels in tested wells to overlay with municipal water and community resilience data

• Looking ahead

- Conduct focus groups with engaged community members in areas with high PFAs and lead levels
- Identify aspects of resilience communities are using in response to water contamination
- Revise resilience model to reflect community response to water contamination challenges

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Here's where testing has located PFAS or 'forever chemicals' in Wisconsin drinking water

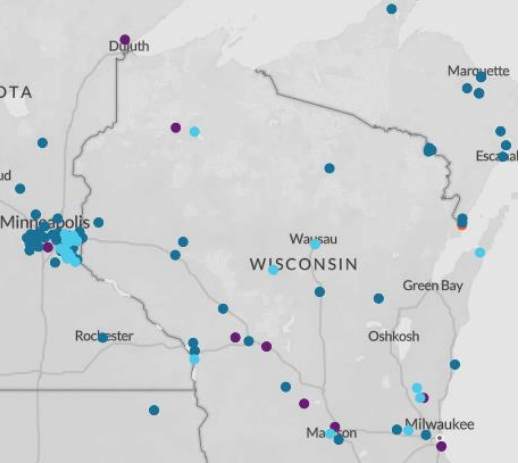
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MADISON – The [Department of Natural Resources](#) has started to release the findings of voluntary "forever chemical" testing of water utilities across the state, finding new contaminations.

PFAS — or per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances — are a family of man-made chemicals used for their water- and stain-resistant qualities in products like clothing and carpet, nonstick cookware, packaging and firefighting foam. The family includes 5,000 compounds, which are persistent, remaining both in the environment and the human body over time.

The chemicals have been linked to types of kidney and testicular cancers, lower birth weights, harm to immune and reproductive systems, altered hormone regulation and altered thyroid hormones. The chemicals enter the human body largely through drinking water.



The map displays various locations across Wisconsin where PFAS testing has been conducted. Labeled cities include Duluth, Marquette, Escanaba, Minneapolis, Wausau, Green Bay, Oshkosh, Rochester, Madison, and Milwaukee. Numerous colored dots (blue, purple, cyan) are scattered across the state, representing individual testing sites.



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