

March 18, 2021

Mayor Tim Kabat
CITY HALL
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

RE: AAAF & PFAS/Campbell

Dear Mayor Kabat:

The impact of using AFFF which contains PFAS has caused a public health crisis in our town. A non-detect level of PFAS has not been found in a single private well, and many wells are still not being tested.

The Town of Campbell is asking the City of La Crosse to do the right thing to protect the health and safety of Town residents from further PFAS contamination caused by the use of AFFF firefighting foam by the City of La Crosse at its municipal airport.

According to the 2018 FAA Reauthorization Act, all airports must convert to fluorine-free foams by October 5, 2021. Airports can request a waiver to go to a fluorine-free firefighting foam now. The Town of Campbell is asking the City of La Crosse to immediately begin the conversion to a non-PFAS foam and to cease all firefighting training with AFFF at the La Crosse Airport.

Proven PFAS contamination of ground water directly affects the safety of drinking water. We are asking the City of La Crosse to immediately make the commitment to use an alternative NON-PFAS firefighting foam. This is imperative to reducing further contamination which may occur during training events (Dec. 1, 2020) which reported a spill of at least 2 gallons of AFFF.

This is particularly important since AIRFEST 2021 is coming up this June and we can't tolerate another use or spill of this highly toxic contaminate to further injure the residents of the Town of Campbell. The Town of Campbell asks that the City of La Crosse immediately replace the AFFF and notify the Town Board members that this conversion has been completed.

We also ask for proof that all AFFF is safely removed from Airport property and disposed of.

No safe level of PFAS has been established in drinking water. International and nation-wide standards keep dropping, showing that risks are significant at lower and lower levels.

Untested residents are forced to continue to drink water with unknown levels of PFAS contamination without being provided a safe drinking water alternative.

We are again asking the City of La Crosse to do the right thing:

- Cease all use of AFFF and demonstrate that AFFF has been properly disposed of
- Provide safe drinking water for all residents
- Test each private well in the Town of Campbell
- Provide safe water to Town municipal facilities

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- Share all test results from City testing with the Town
- Collaborate with the Town of Campbell board to develop a permanent water solution which is most protective of human health.

It is critical that these actions are taken now.

Sincerely,

TOWN OF CAMPBELL BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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