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Board of Public Works

DRAFT Site Investigation Work Plan

La Crosse Municipal Wells 23 & 24

Source, type and amount of contamination

- Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)
- Presumably from firefighting foam
- Firefighting training conducted at test burn pits at LSE from the 1970s through ~ 1988.
- According to Assistant Chief Murphy, no foam used during practice drills for about 25 years, and at some
 point, the pits were re-constructed with concrete containment.

Environmental Media Affected or Potentially Affected

- Groundwater known impact contaminant in samples of wells 23 and 24
- Soil Implied Test Burn Pits
- Black River Surface Water potential

Receptors

- Water Supply Wells Documented impacts to Well 23 triggered the re-opening of the Case
- Black River

Scope of Work

Initial Objective:

- Define the extent and degree of PFAS contamination in the soils and groundwater
- Identity whether detectable impacts to the Black River

Assumptions

- PFAS contamination originated from the same burn pits
- Groundwater contamination following same path as the VOC contamination

Surface Water Investigation

- One (1) background surface water sample -upstream from Wells 23 & 24
- One (1) downstream surface water sample

Soil Investigation

5 soil borings around burn pits (Location 1)

Groundwater Investigation

- 3 water table monitoring wells at burn pits (Location 1)
- 1 water table monitoring well upstream of Wells 23 & 24
- 3 intermediate piezometers (monitoring wells) upstream of Wells 23 & 24

Analytical Method and Analytes

- Modified EPA method 537
- No labs are certified to perform
- 36 compounds per WDNR's PROPOSED Wisconsin PFAS Method Criteria
 - Only 2 labs in US have this capability

