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DNR Fails to Act on Wastewater Permit

Madison--State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette), released the following statement:

“On May 2nd, I sent a letter to the Department of Natural Resources requesting a review of the City of Marinette’s wastewater permit. I also called for the suspension of any part of the permit allowing the spreading of municipal biosolid sludge. The spreading of biosolids containing high concentrations of PFAS chemicals tracing back to the disposal of firefighting foam likely led to additional contamination of groundwater in Marinette County. “

“Yesterday, I received correspondence from the DNR stating they are taking no action on the City of Marinette’s permit. While I appreciate the prompt response, I am concerned the DNR did not take more concrete action on suspending the wastewater utility’s ability to spread biosolids in the future. Any spreading activity in the future could continue to perpetuate this problem.”

“I urge the DNR to rethink its inaction on this issue. The residents of the 89th Assembly District deserve better.”

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