



May 24, 2023

Colton Capelle  
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Gilman, WI 54433

*\*Sent via electronic mail to [colcap18@gmail.com](mailto:colcap18@gmail.com)*

SUBJECT: Drinking Water Advisory and Availability of Temporary Emergency Water  
W14416 Scott Avenue, Gilman, Wisconsin 54433  
Unique Well ID # Unknown

Dear Mr. Capelle:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recently received results from sampling conducted on your well and has determined that your well is adversely impacted by 1,2-Dichloroethane (1,2-DCA). The DNR is issuing an advisory under Wisconsin Administrative (Wis. Admin.) Code § NR 738.03(1) and **recommends that the well or water supply not be used for human consumption (e.g., drinking, cooking, bathing, washing, household chores) at this time due to potential human health risks.**

#### SUMMARY OF RESULTS

1,2-DCA was detected at a concentration above the state groundwater Wis. Admin. Code ch. NR 140 enforcement standard, which was established to protect public health and welfare by limiting the levels of contaminants in groundwater and drinking water.

Listed below is the sample concentration and the respective standard:

Date of Sampling	Substance	Sample Result	NR 140 ES	DHS Recommended Enforcement Standard
May 3, 2023	1,2-DCA	8.4 ppb	5.0 ppb	5.0 ppb

Note: ppb is parts per billion. One milligram per liter (mg/L) is equal to one part per million. One microgram per liter (µg/L) is equal to one part per billion. One nanogram per liter (ng/L) is equal to one part per trillion.

#### HEALTH IMPACTS

The DHS recommends that you do not use the water for drinking or preparing beverages or foods that take up a lot of water (e.g., soup, rice, oatmeal) and do not use the water for bathing, washing dishes and other household chores. For additional information, visit [1,2-Dichloroethane | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#). For health-related questions, please contact Sarah Yang, Toxicologist, Department of Health Services by phone at (608) 266-9337 or by email at [SarahP.Yang@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:SarahP.Yang@dhs.wisconsin.gov)

#### TEMPORARY WATER

With this advisory, you may be eligible to receive a temporary emergency supply of drinking water from the DNR under Wis. Admin. Code ch. NR 738. To receive a temporary emergency drinking water supply, sign the enclosed agreement and submit it to the DNR via email or mailing address stated on the agreement.

**Please note:** Temporary emergency water supplies may only be obtained for a maximum of six months from the date of this letter, as funding allows, or until such time as the DNR confirms: 1) that well water does not contain contaminants above a state groundwater Wis. Admin. Code ch. NR 140 enforcement standard and/or DHS-recommended enforcement standards; 2) the contaminated water supply has been replaced by an uncontaminated water supply; and/or 3) the private water supply has returned to an uncontaminated condition, whichever occurs first. Temporary water is only available to affected parties that are not considered a “responsible party” under Wisconsin Statute ch. 292.

Emergency water is a temporary remedy to help those with affected drinking water wells find alternative, permanent solutions. The DNR encourages you to review the enclosed fact sheet on the [American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\) Well Compensation and Well Abandonment Grants \(DNR\)](#) for more information on treatment systems and well replacement. Contact information for your regional drinking water specialist can be found at the bottom of this letter if you would like to talk to someone about which permanent water solution may be right for your situation.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (715) 360-1966 or by email at [Carrie.Stoltz@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:Carrie.Stoltz@Wisconsin.gov)

Sincerely,



Carrie Stoltz  
Hydrogeologist-Remediation and Redevelopment Program  
Northern Region

Attachments:

Temporary Emergency Water Supply Agreement  
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Well Compensation and Well Abandonment Grants fact sheet

cc:

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[Steven.Janowiak@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:Steven.Janowiak@Wisconsin.gov)

Sarah Yang, Toxicologist, Department of Health Services [SarahP.Yang@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:SarahP.Yang@dhs.wisconsin.gov)

Jenna Soyer, DNR Deputy Bureau Director, Remediation & Redevelopment Program,  
[Jenna.Soyer@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:Jenna.Soyer@Wisconsin.gov)

Stacy Steinke, DNR Drinking and Groundwater Private Water Supply Field Supervisor,  
[StacyJ.Steinke@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:StacyJ.Steinke@Wisconsin.gov)

## **Agreement for Requesting Temporary Emergency Water**

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) determined that your well may be, or is, adversely affected by contamination from environmental pollution or a hazardous substance discharge based on sample results received by the DNR and an advisory issued for your well by DNR advising you that your water has potential human health risks.

**The DNR determined you to be eligible to receive a temporary supply of drinking water from the DNR under Wisconsin Administrative Code (Wis. Admin. Code) ch. NR 738 and/or Wisconsin Statute (Wis. Stat.) § 292.31, based on the information available at this time.** To receive a temporary emergency supply of water, the DNR requires that you enter into an agreement with the DNR and that you agree to be responsible for the proper maintenance of any physical equipment provided as part of the temporary emergency water supply. A third-party contractor, not the DNR, will provide the temporary supply of emergency water. The department will arrange for the contractor and will pay for this service. The contractor will contact you to arrange a delivery time and for the return of equipment when specified.

The temporary emergency water supply is available for a maximum of six months from the date of the advisory issued on May 24, 2023, or until such time as the DNR confirms one or more of the following has occurred, whichever occurs first:

- 1) Results of laboratory analysis confirm that well water does not contain contaminants above maximum levels set forth in Wis. Adm. Code chs. 140 and 809;
- 2) The contaminated water supply has been replaced by an uncontaminated water supply; and/or
- 3) The private water supply has returned to an uncontaminated condition.

If well sample results confirm any of the above, the DNR will no longer provide a temporary emergency water supply. Emergency water is a temporary remedy to help those with affected water wells find alternative, permanent solutions. The DNR encourages you to review the enclosed fact sheet on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Well Compensation and Well Abandonment Grants for more information on treatment systems and well replacement.

The DNR will attempt to contact the responsible party, if known, to ask the responsible party to provide water to you. If the responsible party agrees, DNR staff will notify you that the responsible party will provide water, and this agreement becomes null and void. All agreements between you and the responsible party are private agreements to which the DNR is not a party.

By signing below, you are requesting a temporary emergency water supply and are entering into an agreement with the DNR, and you agree to:

- 1) take responsibility for the proper maintenance of any physical equipment constructed or provided to you by the third-party contractor for your use as part of the temporary water supply;
- 2) allow the DNR and any environmental consultant reasonable access to take private water samples during the period of time that the DNR is providing temporary water;
- 3) indemnify and hold harmless the DNR for any damage that may occur to the physical equipment provided to you for your use as part of the temporary emergency water supply while the equipment is in your possession or control;
- 4) acknowledge that the DNR may not provide you with a temporary emergency water supply if the responsible party agrees to provide a temporary emergency water supply; and
- 5) inform the DNR immediately if you believe you may no longer be eligible for a temporary emergency water supply.

The above terms regarding equipment may also be outlined in any agreement between you and the third-party contractor. If you have questions about this agreement, contact Gwen Saliars, DNR Remediation and Redevelopment Program, at [gwen.saliars@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:gwen.saliars@Wisconsin.gov), or by phone at 920-510-4343.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

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Property Owner (Print)

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Signature of Property Owner or Authorized Representative

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Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Occupants

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

Contact information for occupants, tenants or lessees (if different than owner):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Occupant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number