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**Subject:** Surface Water Advisory Sign Design Options  
**Attachments:** 20220215\_Revised\_Sign Options.pdf

Denice and Scott –

Thank you for sharing the feedback you received from the town on Peshtigo, city of Marinette, Marinette School District and the county on the updates to be made to the surface water advisory signs following the [DNR's September 9, 2021 letter](#). We understand from the information you shared with the DNR that the approval processes for posting signs in the community differs between these various local entities.

This email provides a revised sign design that addresses changes requested by the town of Peshtigo and to meet the city of Marinette's request to have options for the signs. Clarification on the locations that JCI/Tyco must make a good faith effort to post signs is also provided.

### Sign Design

On January 28, 2022, you set up a meeting for the DNR and the DHS to hear from the town of Peshtigo's sign committee on their feedback to the sign updates. We appreciated hearing their suggestions on ways to improve clarity and usability of the signs. At the request of the DNR, the DHS revised the sign design to incorporate several improvements suggested by the town of Peshtigo, including: simplify text, highlight action steps in bold, provide QR codes for quick access to informational websites, improve the foam icon and include a photo of surface water foam for clarity.

The final design to use for posting updated signs is attached. While posting a consistent sign is preferred, we recognize that some flexibility and options are needed to address differences in local processes. The attached files provide options for the signs that the DNR considers meeting the requirements of Wis. Adm. Code § NR 714.07(4) and communicates the risk based on our understanding of the site conditions. The content of the signs is the same, but the color red (HEX code #C20000) and yellow (HEX code #FDDA16) and the heading (Warning and Advisory) may be interchanged. The minimum size for the signs is 12" X 18", but larger signs (e.g., 18 x 24") may be appropriate for visibility in some locations.

We recognize that minor modifications may be needed to finalize the signs. Please provide a copy of the final design with the letter documenting the posting of new signs (item 4 in the 9/9/21 letter).

### Sign Locations

The recommendations provided in the DNR's September 9, 2021 letter on where to post additional signs and replace existing signs still apply.

Emphasis is placed on locations where the public can reasonably access surface water and there is an unacceptable risk to human health through incidental ingestion (Wis. Adm. Code § NR 714.07(4)(a)5.) JCI/Tyco must make a good faith effort to post the signs where surface-water foam may occasionally occur on surface water contaminated with PFAS attributed to BRRTS sites #02-38-580694 or #02-38-581955.

***Note that the locations where the public can access Ditch B from the grounds of Marinette High School are a high priority for ensuring there are sufficient visible signs.***

Please be aware that that specific locations where signs are needed may change as more is learned about exposure to PFAS, if monitoring detects changes in surface water conditions, and/or as the extent of contamination PFAS attributed to BRRTS sites #02-38-580694 or #02-38-581955 is updated during the site investigations.

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# WARNING



## THIS WATER CONTAINS PFAS

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are chemicals that can be harmful to health when swallowed. PFAS are in this surface water and can be found in high levels in foam.



### AVOID FOAM

People and pets should avoid foam and should not swallow the water.



### WASH SKIN

Wash skin that has touched this water or foam with clean water as soon as possible.



### CLEAN PETS

If pets go in, wash them off with clean water and do not let them lick foam from their fur.

The PFAS contamination in this water is currently being investigated by Tyco Fire Products and Johnson Controls (WI DNR Site Activity # 02-38-580694). Contact Tyco at 715-582-7100 or visit [tycomarinette.com](https://tycomarinette.com).

 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources: Information on PFAS contamination in this area <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/PFAS/Marinette.html>

 Wisconsin Department of Health Services: Information on PFAS and health <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/chemical/pfas.htm>

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