

# Assist communities with contaminated drinking water



PFAS and 1,4-dioxane in drinking water pose health risks in Minnesota communities.

## Challenge

Human-made contaminants like per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and 1,4-dioxane have been detected in private wells in several hundred communities throughout Minnesota, including Andover and Gem Lake, and at manufactured home parks in Austin, Bemidji, and other communities. In some cases, contamination has made the drinking water in these places unsafe.

## Why it's important

The Minnesota Department of Health has established health-based values for PFAS and 1,4-dioxane based on their potential to cause cancer and other serious health conditions. Drinking water treatment or alternative sources are expensive and beyond the means of many property owners.

## Proposal

**\$8 million**  
General obligation bonds  
**\$2 million**  
General Fund

Governor Walz recommends an appropriation of \$8 million funded by general obligation bonds and \$2 million from the General Fund to mitigate contamination in private wells by connecting properties to public water supplies or drilling a new well.



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