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Introduction and first reading

Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance

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1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to environment; providing for testing private wells in the east metropolitan  
 1.3 area for contamination from PFCs; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota  
 1.4 Statutes, chapter 115B.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. [115B.171] TESTING FOR PRIVATE WELLS; EAST METROPOLITAN  
 1.7 AREA.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have  
 1.9 the meanings given.

1.10 (b) "East metropolitan area" means:

1.11 (1) the cities of Afton, Cottage Grove, Lake Elmo, Newport, Oakdale, St. Paul Park,  
 1.12 and Woodbury;

1.13 (2) the townships of Denmark, Grey Cloud Island, and Lakeland; and

1.14 (3) other areas added by the commissioner that have a potential for significant  
 1.15 groundwater pollution from PFCs.

1.16 (c) "PFCs" means per- and poly-fluorinated chemicals.

1.17 Subd. 2. Testing required for private wells. At the request of the owner or occupier  
 1.18 of land in the east metropolitan area containing a private well for water, the commissioner  
 1.19 must use money in the remediation fund under section 116.155 to provide timely testing  
 1.20 for PFCs for the well if the commissioner has not previously tested the well for PFCs. If  
 1.21 the test of the private well measures a contamination at or above 50 percent of a health-based

2.1 advisory value or health risk limit for PFCs, the commissioner must provide for additional  
2.2 well tests based on a schedule to ensure that the groundwater is safe for consumption.

2.3 Subd. 3. **Test reporting.** (a) By January 15 each year, the commissioner must report to  
2.4 each community in the east metropolitan area a summary of the results of the testing for  
2.5 private wells in the community. The report must include information on the number of wells  
2.6 tested and trends of PFC contamination in private wells in the community. Reports to  
2.7 communities under this section must also be published on the agency's Web site.

2.8 (b) By January 15 each year, the commissioner must report to the legislature, as provided  
2.9 in section 3.195, on the testing for private wells conducted in the east metropolitan area,  
2.10 including copies of the community reports required in paragraph (a), the number of requests  
2.11 for well testing in each community, and the total amount spent for testing private wells in  
2.12 each community.