Mike Lemcke Wisconsin DNR Bureau of Drinking Water & Groundwater PO Box 7921, Madison, WI, 53707

RE: Proposed NR140 Groundwater Standards for Explosives

December 30, 2009

Dear Mr. Lemcke:

The developing fetus, infants, and children are the population groups most vulnerable to environmental pollutants. Potential health impacts associated with the explosive Dinitrotoluene (DNT) and other military toxins include cancer, cardiovascular or blood toxicity, gastrointestinal or liver toxicity, kidney toxicity, neurotoxicity, and reproductive toxicity.

In order to protect public health and those most vulnerable to harm, we <u>support</u> the proposed regulation of all 6 isomers (forms) of DNT as a single entity and the proposed groundwater standard of 0.05 parts per billion – equivalent to the current Health Advisory Level (HAL) recommended by state health officials.

We are also writing to encourage the WDNR to support a **MORE PROTECTIVE** groundwater standard for perchlorate – a dangerous chemical used in the production of rocket fuel that has been found at trace levels in infant formula and breast milk. In order to be protective of all sensitive life stages, including pregnant women and their developing fetuses, the proposed groundwater standard should be <u>reduced</u> from 7 to 1 part per billion.

Help protect our children and those most vulnerable to harm by keeping Wisconsin's groundwater standards strong.

Sincerely,

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