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Todtz site followup

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Hi Greg -

It was a pleasure talking to you yesterday. I ran your inquiry past our Contaminated Sites Section and they are well aware of the Todtz and Chemplex sites. My contact in DNR's Contaminated Sites section is Matt Graesch. He stated that EPA is the lead on these sites. We do have extensive history on them that goes back several years that can be viewed on our Contaminated Sites Database. Here is the link to that database: https://programs.iowadnr.gov/contaminatedsites/Site/Search

I asked Matt specifically about PFAS because I didn't see much on that when I took a brief look at some of the documents. We received a report on April 4 of this year from EPA regarding recent PFAS evaluation at the Todtz site. DNR had been asking EPA to do this for a number of years due to PFAS issues in the area. He said the results were mostly as he had expected; 16 of the 17 samples did contain PFAS, but the levels "were not striking". The mixture of PFAS species was consistent with what one would expect from an industrial source.

Matt has absolutely no doubt that you are correct in your assertion that they both contribute to PFAS issues at Camanche. He has communicated this very same concern to EPA over the years and he wants EPA to sample/keep sampling both sites for PFAS to this extent. Chemplex has not been sampled yet, but Matt has and will continue to ask them to do so. Since, for both sites, EPA is the lead and not the state, we can only make requests or recommendations and are not really in a position to require anything.

I attached the most recent sampling report for the Todtz site FYI. If you want to find it in the database it is called "2023 supplemental sampling report" under the Todtz site.

I also included Matt Graesch's contact information for you. He would know way more of the history on these sites.

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Thanks,

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