

Resolution # 2010-01

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES ARMY PREVENT AND REMOVE CONTAMINANTS FROM THE BADGER ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT THAT MAY BE ENTERING LAKE WISCONSIN AND PRIVATE WELLS

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army is responsible for environmental contamination caused by past production and disposal activities at Badger Army Ammunition Plant; and

WHEREAS, a recent Army study has found that groundwater contamination from Badger Army Ammunition Plant has migrated beyond the plant boundary and is discharging into the wetlands and surface water of Lake Wisconsin at Weigand's Bay; and

WHEREAS, groundwater contaminant levels exceed drinking water health advisories; and

WHEREAS, town residents rely on groundwater for their drinking water and other uses; and

WHEREAS, exposure to contaminants from Badger Army Ammunition Plant poses a health risk to residents and their families; and

WHEREAS, Weigand's Bay is a natural fish hatchery and habitat for ~~various~~ several species of wildlife that includes numerous fish and reptiles, as well as several bird species that include herons, cranes, osprey, and the Bald Eagle; and

WHEREAS, Lake Wisconsin is an invaluable economic resource to the Town of Merrimac and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, failure by the United States Army to prevent and eliminate contamination to this valuable watershed jeopardizes not only the quality of life of town residents, but negatively impacts the recreational opportunities that supports the economic base of this township and surrounding communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Merrimac Board, that the U.S. Army should take immediate and proactive steps to assure that drinking water wells are clean and free of contaminants from Badger Army Ammunition Plant, and

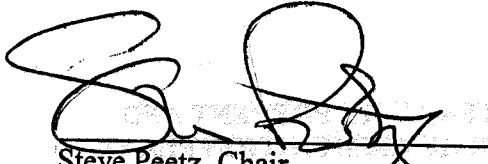
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the U.S. Army at Badger Army Ammunition Plant should offer regular free water testing to all residents at and near the Weigand's Bay area, and

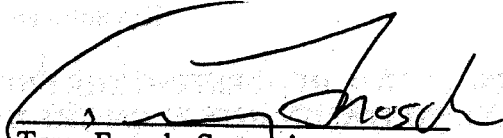
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that the U.S. Army should take immediate and proactive steps to assure that no additional contamination reaches groundwater, wetlands and surface water, and

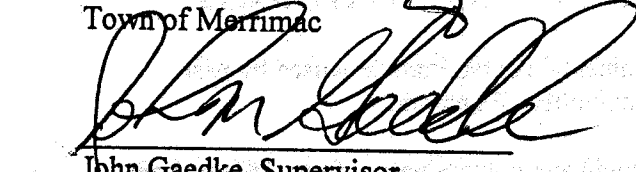
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources should enforce and supervise the U.S. Army's efforts until such time that contamination from Badger Army Ammunition Plant no longer poses an environmental or human health risk to our residents, groundwater and surface water.

The town clerk shall properly post or publish this resolution as required under s. 60.80, Wis. Stats as adopted this 3rd day of February 2010.


SO RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MERRIMAC:


Steve Peetz, Chair
Town of Merrimac


Terry Frosch, Supervisor
Town of Merrimac


John Gaedke, Supervisor
Town of Merrimac

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed by the Town Board of the Town of Merrimac on the 3rd day of February 2010, and approved by the Town Chair on that date.



Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk - Treasurer