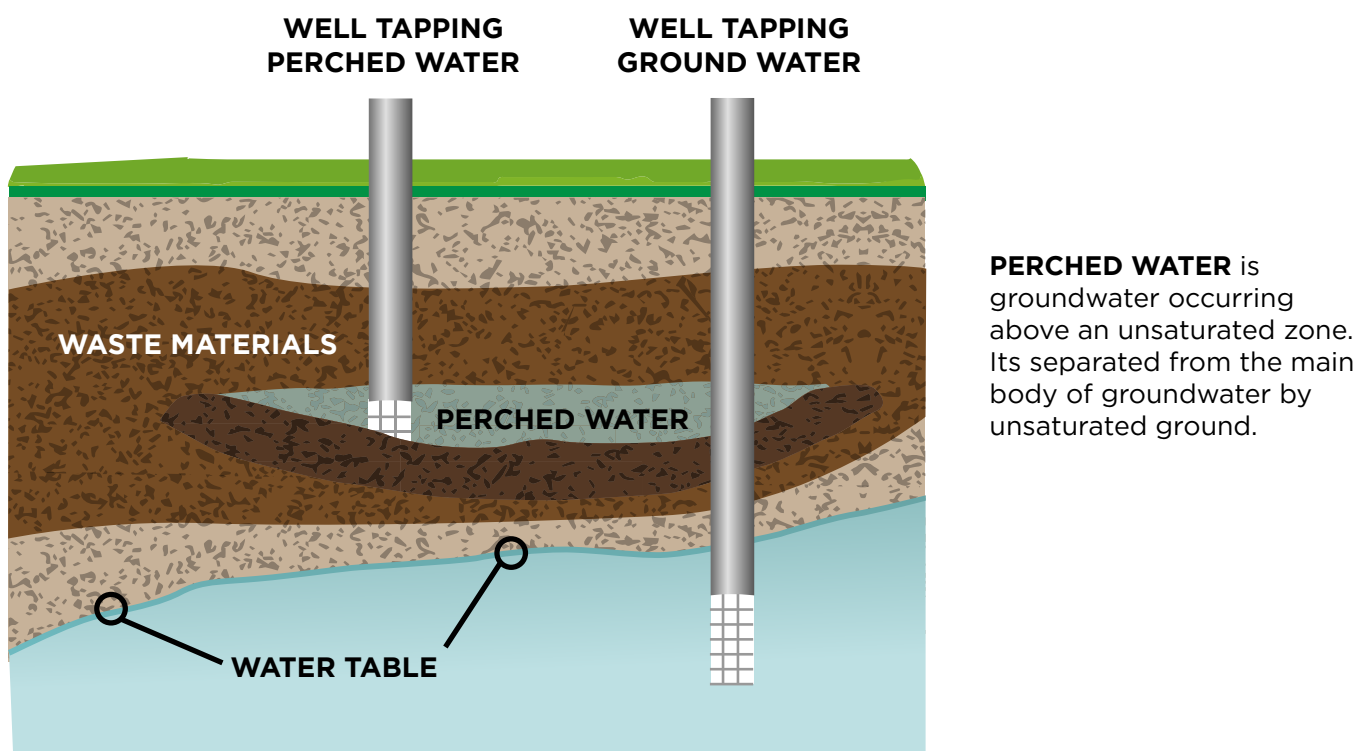


Sensationalized Environmental Risk

The MPCA took the unprecedented step of installing monitoring wells within the waste footprint. This is an atypical approach that is rarely done, and can create potential vertical contaminant migration pathways along well casings.

Installation of wells in the waste, and sampling of perched water, are examples of how the MPCA has exaggerated and sensationalized contamination in the Freeway sites.



"I've been working on the Freeway properties for more than 35 years and over that time there has been an expansive amount of testing data collected from the sites. In many instances the MPCA has gone to extraordinary efforts to find a problem, ignoring options beyond their 'dig-and-haul' or 'dig-and-line' proposals, and discounting the well-known environmental benefits developing the site can bring. Given the existing data, I see no imminent risk to human health and the environment. **Using a perceived threat of a risk to keep these sites from being developed does a gross disservice to the people and future economic well-being of Burnsville, Dakota County, and the State.**"

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