



DATCP REPORT
Bureau of Land and Water Resources
June 2022

Soil and Water Resources Management Grants

- Reminder: Up to 50% of your SEG grant award may be used for cropping practices without prior approval from DATCP.

Emergency Rule Development

- [2021 Act 223](#) created two new programs within our Bureau – a Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program Grant and Cover Crop Insurance Rebate program. The Department has an approved scope statement for each program – [Nitrogen optimization pilot program](#) and [cover crop insurance rebate program](#), and the Department has until Friday, July 8th to promulgate the emergency rule for the nitrogen optimization program. Staff are currently drafting the new rules for these programs, and input can be emailed to DATCPLandwater@wisconsin.gov by June 8.

ATCP 50 Rule Revision

- Presentation slides and meeting materials for past meetings are available on the [website](#). Questions, comments, and suggestions for changes can be sent to DATCPLandwater@wisconsin.gov. Sign up on the [website](#) to receive GovDelivery notices of upcoming meeting dates and other rule related information.

Nutrient Management News

- Outreach magnets are available upon request to help advertise the Runoff Risk Advisory Forecasting Tool. If you are interested, please email cody.calkins@wisconsin.gov requesting how many magnets you would like. Please make sure to include an address in your request so we can mail them to you!
- If you would like to participate or have participated in Nutrient Management Quality Assurance Reviews with DATCP in the past, please fill out the following survey: <https://forms.office.com/g/szEjSC2zTP> by **July 1st, 2022**. We would like to set up some meetings this summer to discuss what the Quality Assurance Team did in the past and how we can reboot this process for 2023.
- The 2021 Annual NM report is in its final stages and will be released soon. Along with the report, requests for 2022 Annual NM data will also go out. However, we will not be requesting or accepting the typical spreadsheet(s). Instead, a Microsoft Forms survey accompanied by a supplemental (optional) spreadsheet, which will help in tabulating this data, and guidance document will be sent out. The survey will ask for the same data we always have – number of plans and who wrote them, summary of plan purpose acres for various programs (ie DATC, DNR, NRCS) etc. The timeline for submitting these data will be extended to allow for trial and error, feedback, and training. This will make the tracking and reporting of this data smoother for everyone.

Land and Water Conservation Board-LWRM Plans

- The June 7th meeting of the LWCB will convene on Microsoft Teams. Adams, Forest and Lincoln County will present LWRM Plan reviews. Follow the link in the meeting agenda available on the [board's website](#) to join the meeting over Microsoft Teams or by phone.
- For updates on LWCB meetings and meeting links please subscribe to LWCB [govdelivery notices](#).

Farmland Preservation Program and Agricultural Enterprise Areas

- The 2022 Agricultural Enterprise Area Petition is OPEN! Communities who are interested in petitioning for a new AEA or increasing the size of an existing AEA can view the [petition materials on the website](#). Petitions will be accepted until July 29, 2022. Interested petitioners who would like additional information about the program or to schedule an informational meeting with FP staff can contact DATCPworkinglands@wisconsin.gov.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

- Payton Lolwing, CREP Program Intern, will be reaching out to county LCD's to assist counties with CREP easement monitoring site visits this summer. These visits are essential for benchmarking the status of the conservation practice and identifying and communicating to landowners issues on the site prior to them becoming severe. Feel free to reach out to Payton at (608) 444-3209 or by email payton.lolwing@wisconsin.gov.
- The CREP Program is reaching out to county LCD's to learn about their CREP easement monitoring plans and coordinate logistical support from DATCP. The CREP Program is also offering virtual CREP easement monitoring refresher sessions to help LCD staff prepare for easement monitoring. Contact Zach Zopp zach.zopp@wisconsin.gov for questions regarding CREP easement monitoring or to request a refresher training.

Agricultural Impact Statement (AIS) Program

- The AIS program published AIS #4452 for the proposed construction of an electrical substation in the Town of Sharon in Walworth County, WI by the Wisconsin Power and Light Company. Access [AIS #4452](#) and [AIS #4452 Appendices](#) at the provided links or visit agimpact.wi.gov for more information.
- Contact zach.zopp@wisconsin.gov for questions regarding any active AIS statement or the AIS program.

DATCP Staff Updates

- Rachel Rushmann has moved on to a new position with UW-Extension as an Ag and Water Quality Specialist; we are currently working to fill the Producer-Led Program Manager position through an internal transfer opportunity.
- The first-round interviews for the Land and Water Resources Bureau Director recruitment were recently held, with a second round to follow soon.