



Stakeholder Engagement Meeting

ATCP 50 rulemaking

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

December 2022

NEXT TWO MEETINGS

December 12, 2022 -
Audience: All
stakeholders; specific
applicability to
county conservation
staff

Focus: Update, simplify and clarify existing rule provisions

- Update language
- Add/update definitions
- Improve program administration
- Update use of grant funds

January 5, 2023 -
Audience: All
stakeholders

Focus: Implement Silurian bedrock performance standard

- Facilitate implementation of Silurian bedrock performance standard
- Add practices and standards
- Add process for development of standards
- Documentation requirements for NM plans



TODAY'S MEETING OBJECTIVES



Overview of changes
under consideration



Get feedback



Answer questions





WHERE ARE WE AND WHAT IS NEXT



UPDATE, SIMPLIFY AND CLARIFY TO SUPPORT CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

1. Language updates

2. Improve program administration

3. Update use of grant funds

4. Add/edit definitions



LANGUAGE UPDATES

- Remove notes or incorporate into rule
- Update web links
- Remove gendered language



SOIL AND WATER RESOURCE GRANT PROGRAM

- Update process to revise allocation plan
- Update language to reflect the current, simplified process for requesting reimbursement



USE OF GRANT FUNDS

Allow use of funds for **financial assistance**

Update maximum rates

Update requirements for **offers of cost-share** under s.ATCP 50.08

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- Allows flexibility to use grants allocated to county for various forms of financial assistance
 - cost-share
 - incentives
 - performance payments
 - other payments to a landowner



MAXIMUM RATES

Changes:

- Field stripcropping removed but allowed under stripcropping
- Residue management systems edited and only includes no-till or strip till systems

Adjusted from lower rate to 70%

- Cover crops
- Conservation plantings



OFFERS OF COST-SHARING (S. ATCP 50.08)

- Clarify use of funds for compliance offers
 - Update language to "costs of compliance" for consistency with statute
 - Clarify the timeline for cost-sharing and for maintenance to be consistent with conservation practice standards, or as specified in contract



UPDATE AND ADD DEFINITIONS

- Contaminated runoff is defined by contact with feed or manure, not drainage through a location
- Cost of compliance added and includes installation and maintenance
- Technical standard added to clarify that state is custodian of these standards
- Financial assistance added and includes cost-share, incentives performance payment or other payments for conservation
- Incentive added as a type of financial assistance
- Performance payment added as a type of financial assistance



JANUARY 5 MEETING PREVIEW

January 5,
2023

1. Facilitate implementation of Silurian bedrock performance standard
2. Update and add practices and standards
3. Process for standard development
4. Documentation requirements for nutrient management planning



HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

- Stay informed
- Attend meetings
- Provide comments

https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/ATCP50RuleChanges.aspx

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