

## **Friends:**

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has recently announced a major reorganization or strategic alignment effort which will be in full effect on July 1, 2016. The Water Division will no longer exist. The "Environmental Management Division" will include most of the agency's air, water, remediation and redevelopment and waste material management programs under Mr Bart Sponseller (air) and Mr. Eric Ebersberger (water). Other water programs will be moved into the "Business Support and External Services Division" led by Mark Aquino. This Division will focus on as a "key integration point between externally focused programs that provide multi-program support to customers, local governments, and business. Russell Rasmussen will become a Special Policy Advisor to Secretary Stepp.

Comments from the general public as well as specialists in the field will be of critical important as programs unfold. Input is encouraged up through Aug. 27 on at least 4 new drafts regarding air quality (see below). The DNR website provides the content information on each. Since most of the actions involve "streamlining" we must guard our rights as citizens and as a public working to protect ourselves, our children and to work for the common good of all to make our thoughts known on these and upcoming issues.

Please study the information below and consider providing valuable input regarding the issues you feel of importance given your background and knowledge about the impact to people living in your areas of the state or Midwestern areas. Your work will be extremely valuable. Share with others who may not be on this list.

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# New DNR Proposed Program Guidance Available for Public Comment

The following four new, draft guidance concerning air management are now available for review and comment on the [Proposed DNR Program Guidance Web page](#).

- "2015 Approach to Dispersion Modeling for Permits"
- "Air Dispersion Modeling Guidelines"
- "Guidance for Including PM2.5 in Air Pollution Control Permit Applications"
- "Variance Request Procedures under NR 415.075(4), Wis. Adm. Code"

All four documents are open for comment until August 27, 2015.

## DNR environmental arm to be shifted to unit intended to assist businesses

<http://m.jsonline.com/news/statepolitics/dnr-environmental-arm-to-be-shifted-to-unit-intended-to-assist-businesses-b99545958z1-319025341.html>



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## **Wisconsin DNR rolls out new streamlined air permit**

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has developed a new Registration Operation Permit (ROP) for stationary sources, called the Type B ROP. The draft permit is now available for public comment and you are invited to provide feedback through August 27, 2015. The public notice and access to the draft permit and supporting documents are available at [http://dnr.wi.gov/cias/am/amexternal/public\\_notices.aspx](http://dnr.wi.gov/cias/am/amexternal/public_notices.aspx). Comments should be sent to:

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Green Bay, WI 54313-6727  
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There will also be a public hearing on the Type B ROP at which interested parties can submit written comments, make verbal comments, ask questions, and discuss concerns with DNR staff. The hearing will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2015 at 1:30 pm at the GEF 2 Building, Room G09, 101 S. Webster Street, Madison, WI.

Like the existing Type A and Type C ROPs, facilities eligible for the Type B ROP will benefit from the simplified application process and recordkeeping requirements, quick permit coverage determinations, and the ability to make modifications without needing a construction permit. However, facilities applying for the Type B ROP must emit below 50% of the major source threshold, except for lead, which is capped at 0.5 tons per year. Currently, the Type A and C ROPs cap emissions at below 25% of the major source threshold. There are other differences in requirements between the new and existing ROPs including changes in recordkeeping and modeling requirements. You can view the [Type B](#)

[“50%” Registration Operation Permit Fact Sheet](#) for details on how the Type B ROP is different or contact Ted Cauwels at (262) 884-2334 with questions.

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