

**Meeting:** Wisconsin Dairy Rules Advisory Committee  
**Division:** Food and Recreational Safety  
**Date & Time:** February 16 2022 9:00 am to 11:00 am  
**Location:** Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin  
8418 Excelsior Drive Madison WI 53708  
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## Agenda

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**9:00-9:15 AM**

### **Welcome/Call to order**

- A. Open Meeting Notice
  - a. Group was notified
- B. Roll Call
  - a. Alex O'Brien, Steve Stoner, Tim Neubauer, James Pikka, Ben Shibley, Laura Traas, Tim Anderson, Hellen Schmude, Kristen Houck, Jim Schwartz, Gloria Joseph, Jeff Kirchberg, Amy Millard, John Umhoefer, Mick Homb, Tyson Villarreal, Mary Rollins, Amandeep Dhillon, Kristina Schmidt, Joseph Miller, Scott Rankin, Norm Monsen, Bob Wills, Adam Brock, Lisa Torkelson
- C. Meeting Minutes Approval
  - a. Meeting minutes are approved
- D. Agenda Approval
  - a. Some discussion last time that the chair cannot lead a subcommittee (Adam Brock is the chair of the phosphatase committee)
    - i. Alex O'Brien will be made the chair of the subcommittee
  - b. Change approved and agenda is approved with the change
- E. Public comments
  - a. No public comments
- F. Membership Update
  - a. Welcome new member Kristen Houck for Wisconsin Laboratory Association

**9:15-10:00 AM**

### **DATCP Update (Tim Anderson)**

- Staffing Update
  - MPG vacancy has been filled – Alex Sobek
  - 3 positions still vacant, priority to get them filled as soon as possible
  - New territory maps available online
- Field Services Numbers for 2021
  - 823 plant inspections completed
  - 12307 farm inspections completed
  - 485 licensing inspections for haulers
  - All grade A work was completed
- DTS Data for 2021

- 588 routine verifications
- 415 reseals
- 22 A CaSS approval letters
- 280 farm plan reviews
- All manufactured food audits completed
- MSRO Data for 2021
  - All required work was completed on time
- LEO Data
  - All required work was completed on time
- COVID Measures
  - Review of COVID guidance given to staff, including PPE requirements, virtual reviews, and overnight travel updates
    - Staff are still required to wear PPE when conducting inspections
    - Virtual reviews will continue to take place when possible and convenient
    - DATCP staff will continue to travel and stay overnight in certain areas when needed to complete job duties
- Public Records Training Update
  - Thanks to everyone for completing this training as required by DOA
- Emergency Sealing/Phosphatase Updates
  - DATCP inspection numbers are lopsided due to COVID; staff have been told they can move work forward to make up for the shift
    - Happening for inspections and surveys, so be aware this may occur
  - There has been some comments to staff about assisting with enforcement
    - DATCP staff enforce ATCP 65 and not the national standard; assisting with enforcement of the national standard is not our role
  - Partial pick up issues
    - DATCP have seen issues with industry failing to follow guidance in ATCP 82 when partial pickup is completed; recommended to place a chart recorder on the device if there is not one already if partial pickup is being completed
- CRM Updates Remain Underway
  - CRM implementation began last July; system is still being tested and bugs are being found
  - If you receive a letter from the Eau Claire office and believe an error occurred, please reach out to Eau Claire for an update
- ATCP 82 Update
  - DATCP met with various groups in December 2021 and went through ATPC 82 to discuss potential changes to the rule
  - Draft of the scope statement completed in January 2022; DATCP staff are working on getting financial information for the scope statement and working to complete the review of the scope statement before language can be drafted
    - Another update will be given once the scope statement is approved and the group will have opportunities to provide feedback to language changes
- Pasteurizer Concerns
  - Dairy plant responsibilities for pasteurization under ATCP 65 were reviewed with the group; DATCP's role is to verify and apply the seals
  - Subcommittee will continue to meet to get the message out and ensure DATCP and Industry are on the same page
- Broken Seal Process Update
  - Dr. Rankin has the training ready to go; pilot will be started soon
  - Once the pilot is completed, the process will be reviewed for potential improvements and opportunities will be given to others to go through the training

**10:00-10:30 AM**

**Sub-committee Updates**

- A. Pasteurizer sub-committee (John Umhoefer)
  - a. First meeting took place on December 15<sup>th</sup>
    - i. Reviewed the broken seal report

- ii. Reviewed the dairy plant review website and recommended making the broken seal report front and center for Industry use
    - iii. Group would like to simplify DATCP's language when product is put on hold to avoid confusion or misinterpretation
    - iv. Group would like the Department to state findings more clearly when completing reports to avoid confusion or misinterpretation
    - v. Discussions took place regarding online training opportunities for resolving pasteurizer issues
  - b. Since the broken seal training is underway, group believes at least one more meeting will need to take place – will wait around 4 weeks to allow the training to wrap up before more discussions are had
    - i. Topic for the meeting may include:
      - 1. The group would like to hear about how things are progressing with the pilot group and have discussions centered around that process
      - 2. Discuss the decision trees for separate pasteurization issues and whether those will be made available to the public
      - 3. Discussions about DATCP meetings with the state lab about picking up certain tests that are not being completed by third parties at this time
      - 4. Discussions about the role of electronic records that are being implemented
- B. Phosphatase testing methods for cheese (Alex O'Brien)
  - a. 2 meetings have taken place
    - i. Discussed all of the options that are out there for testing. Three main discussions came from these meetings:
      - 1. Discussions regarding if the state lab can run a previously validated method not currently being used widely by third party vendors
      - 2. Discussions that reviewed other types of enzymes or chemicals that can verify pasteurization of finished products
      - 3. Discussions about exploring what other methodologies are at our disposal
    - ii. Another meeting with this group will be taking place in around a month focused on long term solutions to the issues
  - b. Q: With the state lab testing option, how long do we think it will take us to know if this is feasible?
    - i. A: Discussions will be had over the next few weeks and we hope that an update will come from those discussions; any decisions will be passed along to the group

**10:30-11:00 AM      Member Concerns (members can bring forth issues to the committee)**

- There was some talk about temperature recording charts for bulk tank or direct ship. The field rep currently does the recording and discussions were had about turning that over to milk haulers. Will that move forward?
  - If this is done, it is a contract issue. DATCP is okay with either person completing the recordings
- Does the group believe that, on direct ship farms or farms with silos, the option down the road to use drip samples instead of agitating and sampling at plants? Could this become rule or law? Other states are using this process, is this a rule or law in those places?

- DATCP has addressed drip samplers, and Tim Anderson will send that guidance out to the group. Cannot speak further to other states rules at this time. DATCP will continue to push education on this topic. In line sampling requires Departmental approval.
- For milk intake, do the doors need to be closed?
  - Originally no follow up at this time. DATCP can review the rule and send a response. Industry can send questions to the appropriate mailboxes for a response as well
  - Tyson Villarreal added to the meeting chat: ATCP 65.24(7)11.(c) states that in dairy plants constructed or licensed after December 1, 1994, raw milk shall be unloaded in a fully enclosed intake room.
- CDR and DATCP are working together to create an advanced preventive controls training for small and large manufacturers
- Discussions about the process when there is a presumptive positive antibiotic test in a load
  - If the plant has reason to believe that the sample taken from the load was contaminated in some way, and there is reason to believe there was an issue which caused the positive result and the sample should be invalidated, the plant can contact the Department with reasoning and a resample can be completed in certain situations

**11:00 AM                      Summary of Action Items and Person(s) Responsible**

- Action items for next meeting:
  - Will need an update to the subcommittees and a DATCP update for the next meeting
    - John, Alex, and Tim A. will be responsible for these items
      - A. Next meeting date and location
        - 1. Date: May – June timeframe is the goal; since the calendar will be busy for some in May, we will look at dates in June
          - i. Second week of June was proposed to the group – noted this was bad for WCMA
          - ii. First week of June was proposed to the group – Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> was proposed and accepted by the group
        - 2. Location: Gloria is willing to check about her organization hosting the meeting, and Mid State Technical College can also be considered if needed – TBD at the time this meeting concluded
      - B. Wrap-up and summary
        - 1. Summary notes will be sent to the group
      - C. Adjourn
        - 1. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM