



State of Wisconsin
Governor Tony Evers

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Secretary-designee Randy Romanski

DATE: September, 23 2021

TO: Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

FROM: Randy Romanski, Secretary-designee
Sara Walling, Administrator, Division of Agricultural Resource Management

SUBJECT: **ATCP 50, Soil and Water Resource Management Program**

PRESENTED BY: **Lacey Cochart, Director of Bureau of Land and Water Resources**

REQUESTED ACTION:

At the September 23, 2021 Board meeting, the Department will request approval to hold a preliminary hearing and comment period for the attached scope statement, regarding ch. ATCP 50 (Soil and Water Resource Management Program).

SUMMARY:

The first objective of the proposed rule is to consider options to implement the Silurian bedrock agricultural performance standards promulgated in 2018 by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in s. NR 151.075, Wis. Admin. Code. The second objective of the proposed rule is to assess options to update, simplify, add to, and clarify existing rule provisions related to implementation of existing agricultural performance standards, soil and water conservation on farms, county soil and water programs, grants to counties and cost-sharing for landowners, standards for soil and water professionals, and standards for cost-shared practices. The department will consult with diverse stakeholders to assist in writing the proposed rule, pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.13.

The Governor approved the scope statement. The Department anticipates that the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules will direct DATCP to hold a preliminary public hearing and comment period, pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.136.

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Notice of Preliminary Public Hearing and Comment Period on Statement of Scope

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection announces that it will hold a public hearing on Statement of Scope SS 081-21. The statement of scope indicates the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection's intent to engage in rulemaking to revise Wis. Admin. Code ch. ATCP 50, relating to the soil and water resources management program. In accordance with s. 227.136, Wis. Stats., the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection will hold a public hearing and receive public comments regarding the proposed rulemaking as described in SS 081-21 as follows, at the time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: September 30, 2021

Time: 10:00 am

Zoom: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1604345552?pwd=TVM3cWtmOHJTcmo1QW9qMXFML05uUT09>

- Meeting ID: 160 434 5552
- Passcode: 528869

Telephone: 1-669-254-5252 or 1-646-828-7666

Appearances at the Hearing and Submittal of Written Comments

Interested individuals may join the hearing and will be given an opportunity to share oral comments on the statement of scope. Written comments may also be submitted without attending the hearing at https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/scope_statements/comment through October 7, 2021.

To view the statement of scope online, go to: [Wisconsin Legislature: SS 081-21](#)

To request reasonable accommodation to attend the hearing, please contact the agency contact listed below before the hearing.

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Approved this ___ day of September, 2021.

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Secretary-designee