



State of Wisconsin
Governor Tony Evers

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Secretary Randy Romanski

DATE: June 3, 2024
TO: Board of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection
FROM: Randy Romanski, Secretary
SUBJECT: ATCP 52, Commercial Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program

PRESENTED BY: Kelly Martinson, Program and Policy Analyst, Division of Agricultural Resource Management

REQUESTED ACTION:

At the June 3, 2024, Board meeting, the Department will request approval of the attached scope statement, regarding ch. ATCP 52 (creating a commercial nitrogen optimization pilot program).

SUMMARY:

The Department proposes to amend ATCP 52 to implement a commercial nitrogen optimization pilot program. As per Wisconsin statute s. 92.14 (16) (g), Stats., DATCP shall promulgate rules to implement s. 92.14 (16) stats. Under the program, an agricultural producer may apply for a grant to implement a project, for at least two growing seasons, that optimizes the application of commercial nitrogen. The Department will consider rule provisions needed to implement the statutory requirements, including the criteria that will be used to prioritize and score applications. Additionally, the Department will consider rule provisions that establish the application and award process, identify eligible and ineligible activities and costs, and establish contract and reporting requirements. An administrative rule is needed in order to administer this program and award grants from the appropriation in 20.115(7) (qf), Stats. for this program in Fiscal Years 2024-2025.

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