

ATCP 50 Practice Update Drop-in Office Hours

September – October 2024

Bureau of Land and Water Resource Management
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The Bureau of Land and Water Resource Management invites you to join our open office hours where we will be discussing the new and updated ATCP 50 conservation practices. Join program staff every other week for an open office hour where staff will be discussing important information regarding implantation and administration an updated and/or new practice. These informational sessions will begin with a short presentation from staff and will then be opened up to the group for questions and discussions on that week's topic. We encourage you to submit questions to the presenters ahead of the meeting. These office hours will be recorded for viewing at a later date.

Over the next few months, we will be discussing the follow topics on the listed dates over Teams:

Monday, September 9 from 10-11 a.m.: *Updated Conservation Practices in ATCP 50*

Explore and discuss updates to Nutrient Management, Prescribed Grazing, Residue Management, Riparian Buffers, and Subsurface Drains. DATCP staff will provide an update on cost sharing from contracting to reimbursement as well as considerations for the implementation monitoring and maintenance of updated practices included in the ATCP 50 administrative rule effective June 1, 2024.

Question and answer session to follow a brief overview. Send questions ahead of time to: DATCPLANDWATER@wisconsin.gov or join to ask your questions during the session. Meeting will be recorded and available for future viewing.

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Tuesday September 17 from 10-11 a.m.: *New Practice Standard – Cover Crops*

Formerly referred to as cropland cover, ATCP 50.68 was updated to provide options consistent with the USDA cover crop practice standard. Updates offer more flexibility to counties providing cost sharing for producers to implement nutrient management and conservation plan goals. Discuss considerations for implementation, monitoring, maintenance, required documentation, and eligibility for reimbursement.

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Monday October 7 from 10-11 a.m.: *New Practice Standard – Habitat Diversification and Conservation Cover*

Explore new practice opportunities for establishing native vegetative cover in an agricultural setting and the potential benefits to water quality and soil health. Providing habitat diversification as a primary resource concern will increase pollinator activity and both practices provide additional options to those with an active nutrient management plan.

Question and answer session to follow a brief overview of cost sharing and considerations for implementation, monitoring, and maintenance. Send questions ahead of time to: DATCPLANDWATER@wisconsin.gov or join to ask your questions during the session. Meeting will be recorded and available for future viewing.

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Tuesday October 15 from 10–11 a.m.: *New Practice Standard – Crop Rotation*

Explore a new practice option available for producers with nutrient management plans struggling to reach their targets. Planning a sequence of different crops in the same field to reduce erosion, improve soil health, protect water quality, manage pests, and increase crop yield will assist these producers in reaching and maintaining compliance with their nutrient management or conservation plans.

Question and answer session to follow a brief overview of cost sharing and considerations for implementation, monitoring, and maintenance. Send questions ahead of time to: DATCPLANDWATER@wisconsin.gov or join to ask your questions during the session. Meeting will be recorded and available for future viewing.

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Tuesday October 29 from 10–11 a.m.: *New Practice Standard – Harvestable Buffers*

New practice opportunity to offer options for water resource concerns in areas not eligible for CREP payment incentives. Discuss considerations for implementation, monitoring, maintenance, required documentation, and eligibility for reimbursement.

Question and answer session to follow a brief overview. Send questions ahead of time to: DATCPLANDWATER@wisconsin.gov or join to ask your questions during the session. Meeting will be recorded and available for future viewing.

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Tuesday November 12 from 10–11 a.m.: *Addressing Soil Health Resource Concerns with New ATCP 50 Practices*

Randy Zogbaum will discuss new ATCP 50 practices from a soil health perspective. The hour will begin with a short overview of how new practices can fit into a soil health planning framework and then move to a question-and-answer period. Send questions to Randy ahead of time at randall.zogbaum@wisconsin.gov or bring your questions to the session.

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