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**Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection**  
Ben Brancel, Secretary

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To: Wisconsin Dairy Plants  
Wisconsin Milk Trucking Firms

From: Peter Haase, Bureau Director, Food Safety and Inspection

Re: Industry Milk Tanker/Truck Inspector Program

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP)-Division of Food Safety, Bureau of Food Safety and Inspection, under authority granted by Wisconsin State Statute § 97.32, and the 2005 Pasteurized Milk Ordinance Section 5, will implement the use of appointed Industry Inspectors for inspection of Grade A milk tankers/trucks. This program will enable a maximum of 2 employees for each DATCP licensed dairy business entity to become trained and appointed as Industry Inspectors. Appointed Industry Inspectors will inspect milk trucks and tankers on behalf of the DATCP. The inspections conducted by Industry Inspectors will be recognized as valid in other states.

To participate in the program, the below criteria shall be followed:

- 1) The interested dairy plant, receiving station, or group thereof, must submit a petition to DATCP, signed by 2/3 of the regular patrons of said plant, receiving station, or group thereof, **or by the officers of said plant, receiving station, or group thereof, or by the officers of any association organized under ch. 185 that represent the plant, receiving station, or group thereof, requesting the appointment of an Industry Inspector.**
- 2) The interested dairy plant, receiving station, or group thereof, must supply DATCP with written proof that the Industry Inspector will be compensated in full for all services and expenses incurred, by the Petitioning Organization. The State shall not be liable for any of the compensation or expenses incurred.
- 3) The applicant for appointment shall supply DATCP with written proof of training and experience in the field of Milk Sanitation or related fields.
- 4) The applicant for appointment shall be an employee of a milk plant, a producer association, or an officially designated laboratory or shall be employed on a consulting basis.
- 5) Upon application approval by DATCP, a Sampling Surveillance Officer (SSO, i.e. Food Safety Supervisor currently certified by FDA) shall conduct the initial evaluation and subsequent re-evaluations following the Criteria found in the 2005 PMO.
- 6) Industry personnel shall be re-appointed every three (3) years by DATCP.
- 7) At least annually, the Industry Inspector shall attend an educational seminar provided by DATCP, or equivalent training acceptable to DATCP. One joint inspection with an SSO or Food Safety Inspector will meet this annual requirement.
- 8) At least once in each six (6) month period, DATCP Inspection Staff shall inspect the records maintained by the Industry for the Industry Inspection Program and will assure the program meets the provisions of DATCP's written plan. These records shall include copies of: tanker inspections conducted during the initial evaluation and subsequent re-evaluation, list of designated tankers, annual training exercise, initial application, appointment letter and certificate, and all official routine tanker inspections.

The program is scheduled to begin January 1, 2012. Your plant/firm may begin submitting application materials for review and approval to our Department at that time. Once materials have been approved, the applicant will be notified for

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scheduling of the evaluation exercise. It will be your responsibility to have the required number of trucks/tankers available for inspection. An application is included with this letter.

All application materials can be mailed to the following address:

WDATCP  
Industry Milk Tanker Inspection Program  
2811 Agriculture Dr.  
P.O. Box 8911  
Madison, WI 53708-8911  
Attn: DFS Field Services Director

Materials are to include:

- Signed and completed application for applicant
- Signed petition by sponsoring organization/firm requesting inclusion in the program
- Written statement stating sponsoring organization/firm claims responsibility for all compensation and expenses incurred for inclusion in program

Upon successful completion of application, you will be given a copy of the written instructions, inspection forms and inspection stickers to conduct milk truck/tanker inspections. The appointed Industry Inspector shall only conduct inspections on trucks/tankers that are directly associated with their sponsoring organization. No more than two (2) Industry Inspectors will be approved for any one (1) petitioning organization.