Barganz Recognized for 14-Year Commitment to ACCP

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MADISON – Bruce Barganz, Jefferson, is being honored as he steps down after 14 years of service on the Agricultural Chemical Cleanup Council.

The six-member council meets quarterly to advise the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection on its operation of the Agricultural Chemical Cleanup Program. The program reimburses some costs of cleaning up fertilizer and pesticide spills or contamination. The council reviews reimbursement decisions and advises on policies and fees.

As an employee of Insight FS, a division of Growmark Inc., Barganz represented pesticide dealers and commercial applicators on the council. He will retire from the company Jan. 31, and therefore be ineligible for council membership.

Over his 14 years on the council, the group advised program staff on nearly 1,000 applications for reimbursement. Since its inception in 1993, the program has paid out more than \$44.7 million in reimbursements for projects that helped protect Wisconsin's environment.

Barganz will receive a plaque from the department. DATCP Secretary Sheila Harsdorf will appoint an interim member to complete Barganz's two-year term, which ends July 1.

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