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Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Secretary Randy Romanski

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Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
2811 Agriculture Drive
Madison, WI 53718

Dear Secretary Romanski:

As supporting staff to the 2022-23 Livestock Facility Siting Technical Expert Committee (Committee), I am pleased to present you with the Committee's final report, which satisfies the requirement in s. 93.90(2)(d), Wis. Stats., to secure expert advice as part of the review of Ch. ATCP 51, Wis. Admin. Rules, the livestock facility siting rule.

The Committee was composed of experts from the public and private sectors who were selected based on their knowledge and experience with the technical, procedural and administrative standards covered under ATCP 51. This report provides a series of recommendations that the Committee developed in response to discussion guides prepared by the department. The Committee discussion guides were drafted to include considerations for the economic and other factors listed in s. 93.90(2)(b), Stats., relevant to the development of ATCP 51.

The Committee offered recommendations for technical, procedural and administrative actions related to the standards for local approval of livestock facilities in ATCP 51. Individual recommendations range in specificity for a number of reasons, including the complexity of the subject matter and the current state of research. Some recommendations suggest further investigation and general guidance from the department.

On behalf of all department staff who supported the committee, I wish to extend our appreciation for the opportunity to share the Committee's work.

Sincerely,

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