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PNAAW Level 1 Certification

PNAAW Level 1 training and testing sessions will be held at a number of locations around the state. Pre-registration is requested to ensure enough handouts and materials are available. The cost for the training in advance is $5.00 per person and $10.00 at the door. Locations/Dates/who to call to register are:

**Abbotsford**
March 5, 2013-Abbotsford City Hall;
12:00 pm-3:00 pm;
call Richard Halopka 715-743-5121

**Chilton**
March 6, 2013-Chilton Courthouse
9:00 am-12:00 pm; 1:00 pm-4:00 pm;
call Nick Schneider 920-232-1971

**Chilton**
March 14, 2013-Fox Valley Technical College
6:00 pm-9:00 pm;
call Kevin Erb 920-391-4652

Chippewa Falls
March TBD-Chippewa Falls; TBD;
call Jerry Clark 715-726-7950

Green Bay
March 11, 2013-Green Bay UWEX office
1:00 pm-4:00 pm; 6:00 pm-9:00 pm;
call Kevin Erb 920-391-4652

Platteville
March 14, 2013-UW Platteville Pioneer Farm Technology Center; 9:00 am-12:00 pm;
call Ted Bay 608-723-2125

If you are level 2 certified, you can train and test all employees internally and submit score sheets to Kevin Erb (scan and sent to kaerb@wisc.edu)

Board Election Results

At the annual meeting January 23, 2013, the membership elected five members to terms on the board of directions. Newly elected are:

**Western Region:** Jim Bignell, Practical Applications LLC (2 year term)

**Southern Region:** Tim Ransom, T-K Ag Works (2 year)

**At Large:** Dave Eisentraut, Eisentraut Ag Services and Mike Schmidt, Schmidt's Pumping LLC (3 year terms)

Your officers for 2013 are as follows:

**President:** Abe Lemmenes
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Public Notice of Changes to CAFO Nutrient Management Plans

As the result of federal rule changes (2008) and court rulings, CAFO farms will soon be required to give public notice when there are "substantial changes" to their farm's nutrient management plan. The Wisconsin DNR is working on a procedure, and expects to implement it late this summer or into fall. This is still in draft form, and while none of the responsibility for public notice falls to the commercial manure applicator, you should be aware of what is required and the delay between renting land and when manure can be applied.

Currently, when a permitted farm (CAFO) adds fields to their farm, the farmer and the nutrient management plan writer must submit information directly to DNR—maps, soil tests and the nutrient management plan. The DNR then reviews (within 30 days) and notifies the farmer that the land is now available for manure or fertilizer application. There is no notice published in the newspaper or any other public notice given.

Under the new proposal, public notice (via the web, not newspaper ads) will be provided. Information (field location, farm that proposes to include that field in their plan) is posted online for 14 days. DNR has 7 days afterward to respond to any comments and up to 21 days to notify the farmer of approval. A public hearing is required only if 5 or more citizens request it, and the content is limited to just that particular field, not the farming operation as a whole.

The four "substantial changes" that would trigger public notice are as follows:

- **Addition of new land** (not previously included in NM plan)
- **Changes to field-specific maximum annual application rates**
- **Addition of any crop or other use not within NM plan terms**
- **Changes that likely increase the risk of N and P delivery to waters of the US** (tiling an existing field)

Of these, the first and last on the list are most likely to occur (adding land and tiling existing land).

Watch this newsletter for updates as the DNR moves forward.
Five March hearings will give you the chance to learn about and comment on proposed changes to ATCP 50, the rule that governs soil and water management in Wisconsin.

The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is proposing changes that will align ATCP 50 with the Department of Natural Resources rule, NR 151. The DNR recently changed that rule, adding performance standards and extending erosion and nutrient management standards to pastures. DATCP and DNR share responsibility for soil and water management, and DATCP has limited flexibility in carrying out the new standards.

The proposed changes:

- Update farm conservation standards and related definitions
- Define a method for determining tillage setbacks
- Include pastures in the soil erosion control standard
- Modify nutrient management planning requirements for pastures, including a phase-in process for high-risk areas
- Clarify conservation compliance requirements for participation in the Farmland Preservation program
- Simplify certification for engineering practitioners

A copy of the proposed rule is available at [http://datcp.wi.gov/ATCP50](http://datcp.wi.gov/ATCP50). The tentative public hearing schedule, pending approval by the Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection:

- **Eau Claire -- Tuesday, March 26**, 2:30-4:30 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., Washington Town Hall, 5750 Old Town Hall Road
- **Appleton -- Wednesday, March 27**, 2:30-4:30 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., Outagamie County Highway Department, Conference Room, 1313 Holland Road
- **Tomahawk -- Thursday, March 28**, 2:30-4:30 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., Rodeway Inn & Suites, 1738 Comfort Drive
- **Platteville -- Wednesday, April 3**, 2:30-4:30 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Bjarne Ullsvik Hall South, 1 University Plaza (Corner of S Hickory Street and Main Street)
- **Madison -- Thursday, April 4**, 2:30-4:30 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Board Room, 2811 Agriculture Drive

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**Membership Dues**

If you did not pay your membership dues at the annual meeting a dues reminder will be sent shortly. You may also send a check for $100.00 to:

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