Report to Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse NR 47.93, Wis. Adm. Code Natural Resources Board Order No. FR-17-06

Wisconsin Statutory Authority

s. 26.385, Stats.

Federal Authority

N/A

Court Decisions Directly Relevant

None

Analysis of the Rule - Rule Effect - Reason for the Rule

2005 Wisconsin Act 25 created s. 26.385, Stats., which authorizes the department to promulgate rules for the forestry research and development grant program. The proposed s. NR 47.93 will establish the purpose, applicability, definitions, grant solicitation and public notice, contractor selection criteria and grant agreement provisions of the program. The intent of the program is to provide grants to organizations experienced in the commercialization of energy technologies related to forestry biomass as energy and biochemical sources. The program will further the development of alternative renewable energy sources to benefit public health and the environment. The forestry research and development grant program will only provide state match grants required for federal grant programs for forestry biomass research and development.

Agency Procedures for Promulgation

Public hearings, Natural Resources Board final adoption, followed by legislative review.

<u>Description of any Forms</u> (attach copies if available)

None

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