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Beth Bier:

This is another version of the proposal for changes in the Environmental Results Program (Green Tier) and in the Environmental Improvement Program. It adds changes based on the meeting of December 1, 2009, including changes in the names of both programs.

This draft includes a process for an entity participating in the Environmental Cooperation Pilot Program under s. 299.80 to become a participant in tier II of Green Tier. See proposed s. 299.83 (6) (L). The draft requires the entity to begin the process before its cooperative agreement under s. 299.80 expires. As a practical matter, the entity will have to begin the process some time before the cooperative agreement expires to avoid a gap between its participation in the two programs.

Point 3 of the January 13, 2008, document called for the creation of another kind of charter. However, the kind of agreement called for in that point would not have the fundamental objectives of a charter under current law and calling it a charter would be confusing. The main purpose of point 3, as I understand it, is to allow DNR to recognize organizations that assist their members to implement and improve environmental management systems. This draft authorizes such an organization to become a green tier "partner." See proposed s. 299.83 (7j). If different terminology is desired, it can easily be changed in a later version.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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