

FISCAL ESTIMATE
DOA-2048 (R06/99)

ORIGINAL
 CORRECTED

UPDATED
 SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.
Chs. Comm 81 to 87
Amendment No. if Applicable

Subject

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation

Increase Existing Appropriation
 Decrease Existing Appropriation
 Create New Appropriation
 Increase Existing Revenues
 Decrease Existing Revenues

Increase Costs - May be Possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget Yes No

Decrease Costs

Local: No local government costs

1. Increase Costs

Permissive Mandatory

2. Decrease Costs

Permissive Mandatory

3. Increase Revenues

Permissive Mandatory

4. Decrease Revenues

Permissive Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:

Towns Villages Cities

Counties Others _____

School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
none

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

2005 Wisconsin Act 347 directs the department to implement a maintenance reporting program for private onsite wastewater treatment systems, POWTS. This program includes activities undertaken by governmental units (counties) to insure compliance with POWTS maintenance requirements.

Many counties have existing POWTS maintenance reporting programs in place. There is a broad range of technical ability and sophistication of these programs. The programs range from a paper based reporting system to a fully integrated electronic reporting system. The number of POWTS entered into databases range from 0 to all known POWTS within the jurisdictional area. Four counties currently do not participate in the Wisconsin Fund program and therefore do not have some form of maintenance reporting which is a requirement for participation.

Costs for implementation of a POWTS maintenance reporting program will vary depending on the level of program currently in place and are therefore indeterminable. Governmental units are able to implement fees, by ordinance, to support the implementation or expansion of a POWTS maintenance reporting program.

Governmental units have other existing sources of POWTS revenue such as Sanitary Permits. It is unknown whether governmental units may pass direct costs associated with a maintenance reporting program to owners.

A proposed change will shift the required plan review for holding tanks to be performed at the local level by all governmental units. Many governmental units currently perform this review. The department anticipates that there will be a loss of \$60,000 in annual revenue as a result of the shift.

It is not anticipated that there will be additional costs for others to comply with these rule revisions. The current chapter Comm 83 contains inspection, maintenance, servicing and reporting requirements for POWTS. Contractors involved in providing inspection, maintenance, servicing and reporting services will not have additional requirements to meet based on the proposed code revisions. The department does not believe that the proposed rules will increase the effect on small businesses over that imposed by 2005 Wisconsin Act 347.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None anticipated for department operations. For governmental units, ongoing costs associated with operation of a reporting program database and compliance follow-up will occur.

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