

Clearinghouse Rule 96-188

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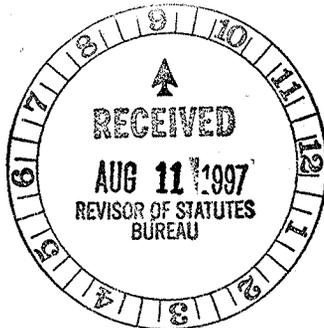
TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, George E. Meyer, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and custodian of the official records of said Department, do hereby certify that the annexed copy of Natural Resources Board Order No. WT-8-97 was duly approved and adopted by this Department on May 28, 1997. I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this Department and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department at the Natural Resources Building in the City of Madison, this 7th day of August, 1997.

George E. Meyer
George E. Meyer, Secretary

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ORDER OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD
AMENDING, REPEALING AND RECREATING, AND CREATING RULES

The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board proposes an order to amend NR 120.18(1)(b)4.; to repeal and recreating NR 120.14(7)(b)2. and 3.; and to create NR 120.02(11m) relating to the nonpoint source pollution abatement program

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Analysis Prepared by Department of Natural Resources

Authorizing statutes: ss. 281.11, 281.12 and 281.65(2)(a), Stats.,
Statutes interpreted: s. 281.65(8), Stats.

These revisions are being proposed in order to clarify and rectify errors made in the recent revisions to ch. NR 120, effective August 1, 1996. The proposed revisions pertain only to the cost-sharing of the high residue management systems best management practice and do not have any other substantive effect. The changes will allow this practice to be cost-shared at a level representing 50% of the true cost of the practice to the landowner or land operator. These changes represent the expansion of a specific pilot effort in one watershed project to a statewide program level and should have the effect of increasing voluntary participation in the Nonpoint Source Pollution Abatement Program.

SECTION 1. NR 120.02(11m) is created to read:

NR 120.02(11m) "Crop year" means the time frame from the harvest of a particular agricultural crop to the time of the next harvest of that crop. The actual time frame and specific dates signifying the start and end of the crop year may vary by crop, year and field.

SECTION 2. NR 120.14(7)(b)2. and 3. are repealed and recreated to read:

NR 120.14(7)(b)2. Cost-sharing may not be provided to a landowner or land operator for both this practice and cropland protection cover (green manure) for the same acreage in the same crop year without prior departmental approval.

3. Cost-sharing may be provided for a maximum of 6 years.

SECTION 3. NR 120.18(1)(b)4. is amended to read:

NR 120.18(1)(b)4. \$18.50 per acre per year for no more than ~~3~~ 6 years for high residue management systems.

The foregoing rule was approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on May 28, 1997.

The rule shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication as provided in s. 227.22(2)(intro.), Stats.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin

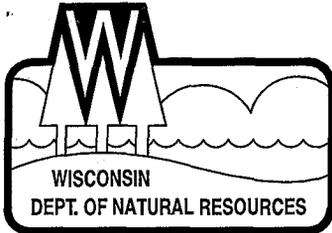
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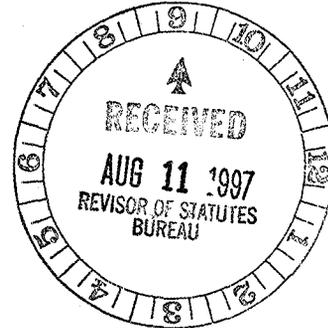
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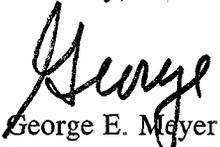



Dear Mr. Poulson:

Enclosed are two copies, including one certified copy, of State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board Order No. WT-8-97. These rules were reviewed by the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources pursuant to s. 227.19, Stats. Summaries of the final regulatory flexibility analysis and comments of the legislative review committees are also enclosed.

You will note that this order takes effect following publication. Kindly publish it in the Administrative Code accordingly.

Sincerely,


George E. Meyer
Secretary

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