

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Rule Subject: **Commercial Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program**
Adm. Code Reference: **ATCP 52**
DATCP Docket No.: **22-R-03**

Rule Summary

This emergency rule implements the commercial nitrogen optimization pilot project program created under s. 92.14 (16), Stats. Under s. 94.14 (16), Stats., the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (department) is authorized to make grants for nitrogen optimization pilot projects conducted in collaboration with a University of Wisconsin System (UWS) institute.

Small Businesses Affected

The commercial nitrogen optimization pilot project is voluntary - no significant analysis was required to determine the effect on small businesses.

Reporting, Bookkeeping and other Procedures

The proposed rule contains reporting requirements for grant recipients, some of which may be small businesses, to demonstrate progress towards project goals and overall success of their proposed projects. Beyond that, the proposed rule does not create any new reporting, bookkeeping or other procedures for small businesses.

Professional Skills Required

The proposed rule does not require any new professional skills by small businesses.

Accommodation for Small Business

The proposed rule does not require any accommodations for small business.

Conclusion

This rule will have no adverse effect on small business. Because participation in the program is voluntary, there will be no negative economic impact produced by the proposed rule. The proposed rule will enable the department to provide grants to agricultural producers to voluntarily participate in commercial nitrogen optimization pilot projects. Grant funds should positively impact businesses that provide goods and services used in activities under this rule.

Dated this _____ day of June, 2022.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
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