
Land and Water Conservation

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Calumet County Landowners,

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' recently revised State Administrative Code NR 151 on July 1, 2018 to include performance standards and prohibitions in respect to the application of manure in areas of Silurian Dolomite with a depth to bedrock of (20) feet or less. Calumet County has locally adopted NR 151 as part of Chapter 18 in the Calumet County Code of Ordinances.

The changes to NR 151 place rules that are more stringent on manure applications in areas where there is less than 20 feet of soil over bedrock. A summary chart of the new NR 151 rules is enclosed with this letter and includes a break down by both manure type and depth to bedrock. Keep in mind this is a summary of the highlights and for more details please reference NR 151.075.

You are receiving this letter as notification that you own agricultural land that is likely less than 20 feet to bedrock and you and/or the operator of the land may need to change how manure is applied to your land to comply with the new rules. There are still some details the state is working on in regards to these new rules, but now is the time to start planning for changes in management because of these more stringent manure application rules.

We appreciate your attention to this letter. We understand that these new rules may cause some inconvenience and management changes for farms, but they are an effort to protect our groundwater, which serves many rural households their drinking water. If you have questions or would like to discuss the new manure application restrictions and how they may affect your land, please contact your crop consultant or Amanda Kleiber at Calumet County Land & Water Conservation Department at (920) 849-1442.

Sincerely,



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County Conservationist

