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WPDES Farms (CAFOs) and Equipment Calibration

The DNR has begun asking farms with WPDES permits to provide documentation showing when all manure application equipment used on the farm was most recently calibrated (as required by state law). This includes not only tankers and semis, but dragline flowmeters as well. If you have not already provided copies to your farmers, it would be a good idea to pull the documentation together during the off season. For tankers, calibration involves not only knowing how many gallons it holds, but your spread width at different tractor RPMs, how even the spread pattern is, and distance between passes to achieve desired rate. Annual calibration of equipment is highly recommended. It is a good idea for all farms to recheck their calibration annually.

2010 Annual Meeting

The annual business meeting of the Association and election of officers is Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 10:45 am at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Any professional applicator is welcome to attend the business meeting.



Septage Credits at Annual Meeting

For those who need them, septage operator credits (NR 113) have been requested. Last year, 11.5 credits were awarded at the annual meeting. For information, contact Kevin Erb at 920-391-4652.

Instinct Nitrogen Stabilizer

More information on the training and licensing required for manure applicators who want to use this product will be in the February newsletter, but if you plan on taking the Commercial Pesticide Applicator Exam (Field - 1.1) this year, four training/refresher sessions are scheduled.

Janesville - March 1, 2010

Baraboo - March 3, 2010

Eau Claire - March 4, 2010

Oshkosh - March 8, 2010

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Level 1 Training Manual

At the request of the PNAAW board, Extension has developed a basic reference manual for Level 1 manure applicators. Copies will be provided to all applicators who take the level 1 training at the annual meeting. Feedback and suggestions will be incorporated into the revised version, which the association will make available to members this spring. The manual includes brief chapters on safety, regulations (small and large farms), spill response, nutrient management planning, and more. Feedback and suggestions are welcome and can be directed to Nick Schneider at 920-232-1971.

NR 151 Revisions

Many of your farmer clients are talking about the proposed changes to NR 151 (the state statute that requires all farms that mechanically apply fertilizers or manure to have a nutrient management plan). We will receive a full update on the proposed changes at the annual meeting, and applicators are encouraged to submit their comments and suggestions to DNR, either during the public hearings or in written form. The hearings are scheduled as follows:

January 25, 2010—Appleton

Outagamie County Highway Department, Highway Shop Conference Room, 1313 Holland Road

January 28, 2010—Eau Claire

Best Western Trail Lodge, 3340 Mondovi Road

February 2, 2010—Waukesha

State Office Bldg. 141 NW Barstow St., Room 151

February 10, 2010—Madison

Lyman F. Anderson Agricultural and Conservation Center, 1 Fen Oak Court

February 11, 2010—Wausau

Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 N. Mountain Road (HWY NN)

February 25, 2010—Platteville

UW Platteville, Pioneer Student Center, University North Room, One University Plaza