

WPDES Program Update

Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) Permit Backlog, Hiring, Inspections and Enforcement information, July 2017 to July 2018, requested by Senator Robert Cowles at the Natural Resources Board meeting on August 8, 2018.

1. Permit Backlog

Municipal and Industrial: 13.6%

CAFO: 21.8%

Backlog Trend from July 2017 to July 2018:

Municipal and Industrial: 16.3% -> 13.6% (Down 2.7%)

CAFO: 24.9% -> 21.8% (Down 3.1%)

Permits Issued or Reissued in last twelve months, from July 2017 to July 2018:

Municipal and Industrial: 208 (959 total permitted facilities)

CAFO: 53 (305 total permitted facilities)

2. Hiring and vacant positions within WPDES Permitting at DNR.

Municipal and Industrial

Authorized Positions: 75.75

Currently Filled: 66.75 (88%)

Vacancies: 9 (12%)

5 in active recruitment (job announced/interview scheduling/reference checks, etc.)

4 in beginning stages of hiring process

CAFO:

Authorized Positions: 22

Currently Filled: 19 (86%)

Vacancies: 3

1 in active recruitment (interview scheduled)

2 in beginning stages of hiring process

3. Facility Inspections

Municipal and Industrial -

2017 Inspections: 359 (EPA goal: 192)

2018 Inspections (to date): 278 (EPA goal: 189) {federal reporting period ends Sept. 30}

CAFO:

2017 Inspections: 81 (EPA goal: 55)

2018 Inspections: 65 (EPA goal: 59) {federal reporting period ends Sept. 30}

4. Environmental Enforcement Program Update

Number of enforcement actions taken from July 1st 2017 to August 10th 2018.

Facility Type	NON	NOV	Enforcement Conference
Municipal Permittees	126	12	12
Industrial Permittees	45	3	3
CAFO Permittees	58	36	34

In addition, the CAFO program referred 5 facilities to the Department of Justice for enforcement in the time period noted above.