



Standards Oversight Council (SOC)

Developing effective technical standards that protect Wisconsin's natural resources

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COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

Thursday, November 7, 2018 || 1:00 pm – 4:00pm || DNR GEF 2, 101 S. Webster St., Room 313, Madison, WI

1:00 – 1:05 Welcome

Meeting Attendees:

- WI Land+Water – Kate Brunner, Matt Krueger
- DATCP - Richard Castelnovo
- DNR – Mary Anne Lowndes, Gretchen Wheat
- DOT – Bob Pearson
- UW Ex – Chad Cook (via webinar/phone)
- County Conservation Departments – Perry Lindquist (Waukesha Co.) and Bruce Olson (LaCrosse Co., via webinar/phone)
- NRCS – Eric Hurley, Scott Mueller

1:05 – 1:20 Review previous action items (Brunner/Krueger)

Previous action items were completed:

- Kate – create Doodle poll for selection of 2019 meeting dates. Final dates selected are February 7, May 9, August 8, and November 7, 2019.
- Kate – check in with Eric Hurley. They haven't met yet but both agree they should discuss SOC and NRCS standards soon.
- Kate – review SOC Handbook to review process for electing or rotating new chair (or potentially other committee assignments) – Last election was August 2015 with Mary Anne as Chair and Perry as Vice Chair. These are 2-year positions with no limit on the number of terms. No change needed at this time. WI Land+Water Executive Director is permanent Treasurer.
- Matt – continue to report back on progress with policy for county dues money. Written policy is still in the works.
- Kate – prepare county thank-you letters, including description of dues policy. Letters completed and mailed.

1:20 – 1:30 Review SOC Advisory Committee Members

Meeting Attendees – Eric and Scott will attend from NRCS. Ken Genskow has been removed from the email list per Kate's conversation with Chad Cook at UW-Extension; Chad will attend as Extension rep. Bob Pearson isn't sure if he'll remain DOT representative replacing Bob Armstrong on the Council. Although USACE representative hasn't attended meeting for a while, we'll continue to keep Rebecca Glaser on the emails.

SOC Handbook review – Handbook indicates review on even-numbered years. **Kate** will go through the Handbook and offer any suggested changes in redline, then email out to Council for further review and editing. We can target to finalize at next meeting.

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1:30 – 2:00

Team & training updates

- **Team Surveys for end of the standard – Rain Garden and Trackout Control Devices**
 - 1009 Rain Garden team survey results – generally favorable, with mean scores ranging from 3.4 to 5.0 on scale of 1 to 5. Negative critiques: spend too much time revisiting certain topics, long DNR review times, more help with graphics is needed. Team leader was not a DNR employee so there were complications—this is not the norm but could work in the future with more regular communication with custodian.
 - 1057 Trackout Control Practices survey results - generally favorable, with mean scores ranging from 4.5 to 5.0 on scale of 1 to 5. Negative critiques: background information hard to find, revisited some topics too much, and need more representation across the state.

- **DNR standards**
 - **1009 Rain Gardens (Modified)** – Finalized Sept. 2018. Working on rain garden manual for homeowners. Optimized as a digital PDF for online viewing. Formatted for printing at home. Is there someone that could fund and warehouse hard copies? Would they be provided for free or for purchase?
 - **1061 Dewatering (Modified)** – Ongoing, internal review and editing by Team Leader with DNR and previous team input. The Team Leader is now considering comments from initial review, Broad Review release expected possibly December 2018 or Jan. 2019.
 - **1010 Proprietary Filtration Devices (Full)** – Ongoing - Monthly team meetings, making progress. This is a new standard with a big team and there's been lots to discuss. They have returned several times to the NURP particle size and percent reduction. Progress is being made in narrowing down other state's processes as precedents and which criteria will be used.
 - **1052 and 1053 Erosion Mat Channels (Modified)** – Broad review 9/20 to 10/9. Few public comments to both are being considered now.
 - **Training** – webinar for 1057 Trackout Control Practices on October 18 with 122 participants. Larger than usual participation by broad participants. Other outreach for 1057 planned with DNR and others on the team at some meetings and conferences in next several months.

- **NRCS standards**
 - **No Full or Modified Process Standards**
 - **Minor Updates:** Drilled Well Abandonment/ Decommissioning (WCS 19), Aluminum or Steel Roof Gutters (WCS 23), Topsoiling (WCS 26), Corrugated Polyethylene Tubing (WCS 44), Organic Fill for Ditch Fills or Filling (WCS 50), Organic Fill for Embankments and Ditch Plugs (WCS 51), Steel Sheet Piling (WCS 201), Vinyl Sheet Piling (WCS 211), and Roof Runoff Structure (CPS 558).
 - **Any NRCS standards coming up for more significant edits soon?**
 - Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580) modified,
 - Waste Transfer (634) modified,
 - Water Well Decommissioning (351) minor – Pearson points out that DNR is reconsidering their requirements on well decommissioning right now too.
 - **Some other standards listed** in our work plan include ones where federal hasn't yet been published so the 1-year adoption deadline hasn't yet started.
 - **Federal 590 standard** – SOC will be going back to state 590 after the federal standard is published.
 - **New NRCS standard process** - NRCS is going to tie in standards more to implementation (for example via Job Sheets and Technical Notes). The new NRCS process will be to start with the federal standard rather than go back to the old state standard. The newer standards will look more like federal standard and the additional details and variations would be in a Technical Note or similar accessory document, not in the technical standard. The

federal standard will not be able to be adjusted much. Approved variations will still be allowed like for winter spreading, for example.

Council thinks perhaps a subgroup of the team could work on the Job Sheets concurrent with the standard though overall standard editing process will be different and less substantial than in the past.

They have a separate software to use for input—NRCS isn't sure how they will be doing this and what my role will be. Likely more focused on the companion documents and not the standard itself. Not effective immediately, and they aren't sure when this will be implemented (national notice 168). First attempts through this process will be difficult but NRCS will start with a more simple standard.

Kate and Eric will meet separately to inform each other about SOC process and new NRCS standard process.

- **Training** – Another 313 et.al. webinar training on December 18
- **DATCP update** – DATCP is moving toward developing a technical standard related to **depth to bedrock** determination. They have authority to create a technical standard and it's their responsibility under NR151 implementation. DATCP rule references a standard rather than put all the detail into the rule.
 - Council agrees they can pursue although concern is expressed that broader DATCP role and responsibility could shift if they continue to make other standards. DATCP does not think they would be custodian of other standards; DATCP standards are not expected to be routine.
 - **Full timeline:** Ideally they'd start a team working on the standard in Jan 2019 and complete in a year. Because it's a new standard, and could have some complications, 12 months is likely and aggressive schedule.

Full or modified process? – new standard but time sensitive. No time would really be gained by modified process on this standard since initial review would likely streamline the broad review step.
 - **Next step:** Create team – Richard has a short list of interested parties and would like input from this committee. DATCP will put out call for Applicants after the committee provides insight on scope, sideboards and possible team members who would provide broad input. David Hart has new technology info, Ken Bradbury knows WI geology well, Francisco Arriaga is soil science expert, DNR and DATCP reps, a county conservation dept. rep. from an affected county—see list from Richard for ideas for broad team experience.
 - **Sideboards** – The team objective will be to create one, reliable map and establish criteria for how to do field verification on depth to bedrock —everyone uses same map, the map would address issues of scale.

DNR will need to have practice in place for CAFO program. CAFOs have to comply with the NR151 targeted performance standard rule once it is included in their permit. DNR may also put a schedule in the CAFO permit to update their 5-year plan to accommodate depth to bedrock. Joe Baeten had created a map that was put into SnapMaps and DATCP standard would likely refine this map. Baeten is expected to be on the team (possibly a co-chair?).
Consider what to do about changes over time—soil depth and sinkholes?
 - **Richard** will send out the draft summary and list of possible participants electronically for committee to redline and add details to ensure the standard covers the full scope.

2:00 – 2:30

Financials & Budget

- Review Q3 financials and update on current 2018 funding status. - As discussed in previous meetings, spending is greater than expected for 2018. Funding will be slightly increased in 2018 with previously discussed transfer of \$4,000 from the dues reserve fund and recently approved contract with NRCS that has higher lump sum rate starting in Q4 2018.

- Review draft 2019 budget. – Kate and Matt present draft 2019 budget. The rough 2019 draft budget is generally consistent with 2018 levels.

2:30 – 2:45 2019 SOC Meeting Dates and Locations

February 7, 2019 (DATCP), May 9, 2019 (NRCS), August 8, 2019 (DNR), and November 7, 2019 (DATCP)

Meeting locations will rotate between NRCS, DNR and DATCP.

Kate will set up calendar invites for the whole Council with dates and locations. I'll also attach agenda to calendar entry, when it's ready.

2:45 – 3:00 Review action items, next meeting agenda items

Richard – send out draft description of forthcoming DATCP standard and ideas for team members for Council review

Kate – set up calendar entries with 2019 meeting dates and meeting locations

Kate – review SOC Handbook and offer any suggested changes in redline, then email out to Council for further review and editing

3:00 End



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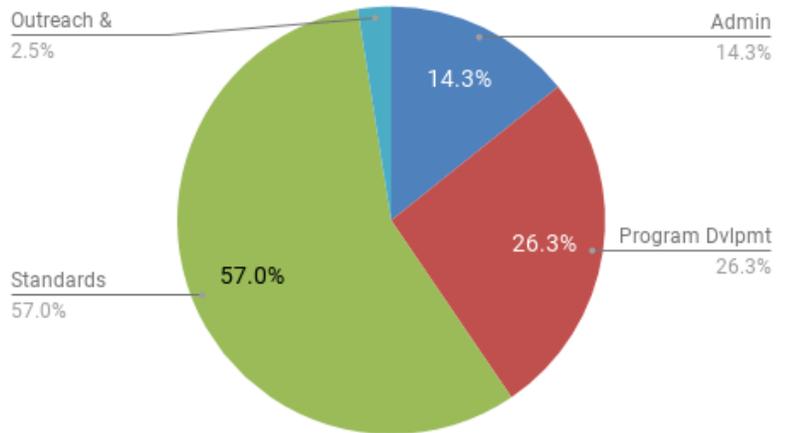
Staff Report for 08/01/18 – 10/31/18

Activities of SOC Program Manager Kate Brunner

Standards

- **1009 Rain Gardens:** Team finalized standard text it was published in September. A subset of the team is updating the homeowner's rain garden manual. DNR review of the draft manual was 10/4 to 10/19/18; comments reviewed and the text was updated as appropriate. The manual is being submitted for final DNR approval and possible publication in November.
- **1010 Proprietary Filtration Devices:** The team is meeting monthly and working through discussions on available technologies and review programs already present in other states. Team has also identified a variety of issues for future meetings.
- **1061 Dewatering:** Modified Process, no team meetings. Initial review standard was sent to 11 reviewers for consideration 10/1 to 10/31/18. Comments are being considered by DNR Team Leader and Broad Review release expected later this year
- **1052 and 1053 Erosion Mat Standards:** Circulated for Broad Review 9/20 to 10/9/18. Responses to comments being prepared by DNR representatives.

3rd Qtr % Program Manager Time by Program



SOC Program Development

- Coordinated and attended quarterly SOC advisory committee meeting (8/7/18);
- Acted as a liaison between agencies and county land conservation departments regarding technical issues, particularly through the WI Land+Water Technical Committee meeting on 8/14, at Conservation Observance Day on 8/17, Fall Technical Tour on 10/24, and NRCS State Technical Committee meeting on 10/25.

Outreach

- Presented overview of SOC at New Employee Training at DATCP on 10/16;
- Updated SOC website content on homepage news items, team pages, and events calendar;
- Maintained SOC listservs for standard announcements, added new members and corrected/updated information for inactive email addresses;
- Managed submissions for Technical Photo Gallery and prepared updates for committee review (to be posted later).

Training & Conference

- Outreach and coordination of webinar for 1057 Trackout Control Practices standard on 10/18;
- Field trip on 9/6 with Dane County Conservationist to review several stormwater and agricultural conservation practices installed per technical standards;
- Attended the Conservation Observance Day on 8/17 to view standard implementation first-hand, develop relationships with NRCS, DATCP and county staff, and to support program development and outreach related to current SOC work.

Administration

- Finalized NRCS contract for 2019-2024;
- Finalized FY 2019 agreement with DNR;
- Completed 3rd quarter expense reports, time sheets, reports for funders;
- Participated in WI Land+Water staff meetings.