

Notification for Assembling a Work Team

Volunteer technical experts are needed to serve on a technical standard work team to revise Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Wisconsin Conservation Practice Standard (CPS) 590 Nutrient Management.

Team Focus

The work team will review and revise the current CPS 590, focusing on the following issues:

- disincentives or barriers to implementation;
- specific criteria for the development and implementation of nutrient management plans; and
- software tools and technical references.

If you have expertise but are unable to participate on the team, you may still contribute by sharing knowledge, resources, and recommendations with the team. Contact the SOC program manager to find out more about various ways to participate. Note that the best way to impact the standard is to participate in the team process.

Team members should be prepared to research, evaluate, and question the technical conditions for use and the outcomes of nutrient management plans. Ideal Team members:

1. Are proficient with the current WI CPS 590, including its terminology, technical criteria, and usage;
2. Have a minimum of 3 years' experience writing, reviewing and/or teaching Nutrient Management Plans and manure management; and
3. Are open-minded, informed and have a positive attitude toward collaboration and the team process.

We are also looking for individuals with additional expertise in:

- Research with nitrogen management, phosphorus management, groundwater and surface water quality; or
- Fertilizer management in modern agricultural production systems, including fertilizer application equipment.

Criteria for the standard will be based on existing science and state laws and regulations. The team will examine existing research, consider new technologies, propose criteria, and consider input through expert and public review.

Custodian: NRCS

Team Leader: Mike Stanek, NRCS

Proposed Timeline: August 2023 – June 2025

Team Process

This technical standard will be updated following the Standards Oversight Council - Full Process detailed in the [Technical Standards Process Handbook](#). The team will consist of about 10 individuals who have the technical expertise described on the application. Team members are expected to attend all meetings. One meeting will be held each month, which includes a 6-hour, in-person kick-off meeting expected to be held in the Madison area on August 23, 2023 and at least 3 other in-person meetings throughout the process. The remaining monthly meetings will be virtual and typically last 3 hours. An additional 8 hours of work should be expected for research, writing, or small group discussion outside of the monthly team meetings.

Who Should Apply

The Standards Oversight Council (SOC) welcomes applications from individuals with experience writing, approving, researching, and/or implementing nutrient management plans. Individuals offering substantial experience and a broad statewide perspective are preferred to optimize the efficiency and quality of the final product. We seek participation from technical experts; federal, state and county staff; producers; and consultants.

How to Apply

Interested individuals must complete the application on page 2 and submit it to the SOC Program Manager at soc@wisconsinlandwater.org by the end of the day on **Friday, June 30, 2023**. Selected team members will be notified of the next steps by Monday, July 14, 2023. The first team meeting is expected to occur in the Madison area on August 23, 2023.

If you have questions about the SOC Process or responsibilities of being a team member, please contact me. Thank you.

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Name:				Employer/Affiliation:	
Position/Title:				City/State:	
Please describe your interest in the update of CPS 590 Nutrient Management and how you can contribute to the update of this standard.					
Identify in which of the following you have experience or expertise, briefly expanding on the breadth of your projects:					
Topic	No Experience	Some Experience (1-5 yrs)	Proficient (>5 yrs)	Please Describe	
Nutrient Management Plan Writing/Reviewing	☐	☐	☐		
Plans involving management of manure, biosolids, compost, or process wastewater	☐	☐	☐		
Precision Nutrient Management	☐	☐	☐		
SnapPlus	☐	☐	☐		
Winter Manure Management	☐	☐	☐		
NM Research (crop production, water quality)	☐	☐	☐		
Other (please specify):	☐	☐	☐		
Optional: Provide specific concerns or recommendations for this standard based on your experience or expertise.					

Optional: You may attach supplemental documents (e.g., resume, CV, project summaries).

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