



# Environmental Services Updates

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# Topics

- DNR-DOT Cooperative Agreement updates
- Hazardous Materials Program Updates
- Ecology Program Updates
- Environmental Contacts



# Cooperative Agreement Updates

## Aquatic Connectivity (Aquatic Organism Passage)

- Definition: connectivity of aquatic systems, allowing for the movement of fish, insects and natural material (sediment, wood)
- Purpose: Describes coordination process
- Next steps: guidance development, training, implementation
- Industry impact: minimal direct impact, but may start seeing different designs during construction



# Cooperative Agreement Updates

## Delegated DNR Design Concurrence

- Purpose: reduce workloads and streamline coordination process for no/low impact projects
- Next steps: update forms (including ECIP), implementation and tracking
- Industry impact: minimal direct impact. New checkbox on ECIP form.



# Cooperative Agreement Updates

## Floodplains & Waterways

- Purpose:
  - Describe coordination process for addressing floodplain impacts resulting from transportation projects.
  - Replace / update previous attachment from 1988
- Next steps: still be drafted, so more to come
- Industry impact: unknown at this time, but anticipate minimal impact to construction activities



# Cooperative Agreement Updates

## Selected Sites (Temporary Support Activities)

- Goal: clarify expectations, requirements and coordination process
- Next steps: Still early in the development process. Much more to come.
- Industry impact: TBD. Will be opportunity for industry to weigh in
- Interim comments – contact Alyssa, Hans or Jeremy



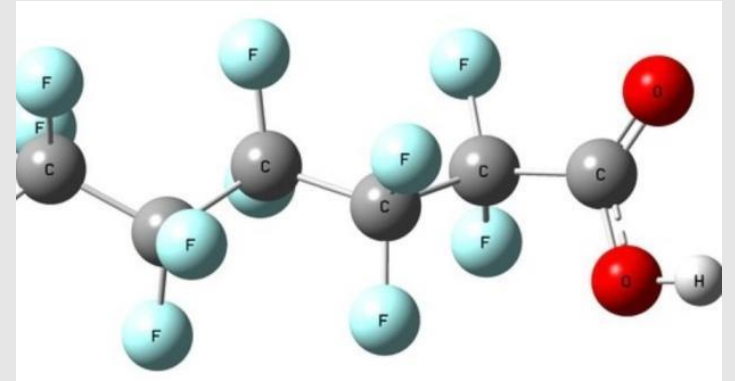
# Cooperative Agreement Updates

- What's next?
  - Focusing on the top priorities
  - Collaborating with WDNR on the next highest priorities to address



# Hazardous Materials Program Updates

- Lamp and ballast disposal STSP
  - Mandatory contract
  - Form available on WisDOT's website
- Creosote-treated timbers STSP
- PFAS-related activities
  - Monitoring, participating in WisPAC. Anticipate more to come.





# Ecology Program Updates

## Migratory Bird Treaty Act STSP – Bird Deterrents

- Updates based on industry feedback – **THANK YOU!**
  - Clarifications on materials – lumber, attachments, netting – to provide flexibility and be more in line with current practice
- Updates will be made with Jan. STSP updates (effective with May lettings)
- Interim: addressing project by project ahead of advertisement



# Environmental Contacts – Central Office

## Environmental Services

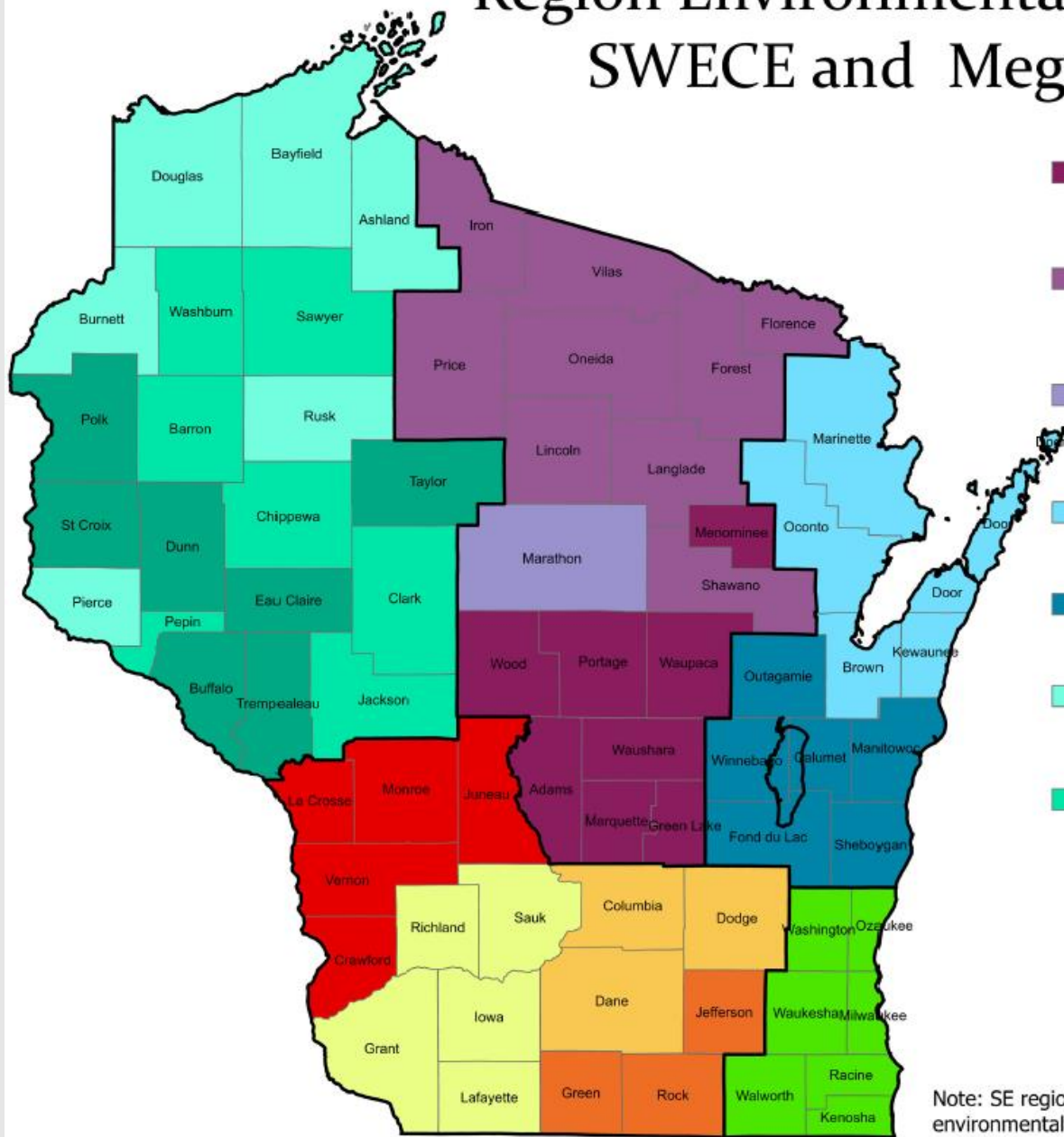
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