

Livestock Siting Technical Expert Committee Meeting Notes July 21, 2010

Attendance: All members and advisors except Jeff Endres, Brian Holmes, Mark Powell and Larry Jacobson.

Meeting called to order; roll call was deferred in lieu of introductions. Public notice confirmed.

Opening remarks by Deputy Secretary Randy Romanski. He thanked members for their service and emphasized the importance of adhering to the technical requirements in the siting rule's water quality and odor standards. The committee must avoid policy issues outside the scope of the siting standard, e.g. issues related to social impacts of livestock farms.

Introductions of committee members, advisors and DATCP support staff, including biographies of absent members and advisors.

The committee operating procedures, ground rules and consensus decision-making process were reviewed. Subcommittee progress may be tracked by reading notes and attending meetings. Final recommendations of the committee may include explanatory comments.

Overview of the Livestock Facility Siting law (§93.90, Wis. Stats.), rule (ATCP 51) and the committee assignment. The following issues were highlighted:

- Summary of local implementation and public concerns expressed during the four year review. Neighbors expressed more concern over the standards than farmers. Citizens and municipalities both have rights to review application for compliance with the standards.
- The rule functions within the framework established by NR 151, NR 243 and other state law. New standards have been developed since 2006 (e.g. feed storage). A CAFO permit does not necessarily provide the information required by ATCP 51 applications, and discontinuing the option to substitute a CAFO permit in the local application was argued.
- There is a need to better define nutrient management documentation necessary to cover the maximum number of permitted animals and the complexity of projecting future conditions. Discussion points included 1) the adequacy of the NRCS nutrient management standard 590 for protecting groundwater in areas with karst features, 2) establishing winter spreading prohibitions in relationship to the more stringent standard restrictions imposed by the siting law and rule, and 3) the impact of uniform state guidance versus a patchwork of local approaches.
- The odor subcommittee has primary responsibility for the setback standard and will consult with the engineering subcommittee.
- The odor standard applies to the production area and excludes manure spreading odors. Options to control land spreading odors might be included in management plans but probably not a new standard. The current odor standard factors some variables different than other odor models. The committee can consider all the exemptions to the standard.
- Compliance monitoring begins after permit issuance. Construction inspection and certification can avoid liability related to manure storage facility construction. The revised NRCS waste storage facility standard 313 will better define construction inspection oversight and documentation requirements.

Meetings were scheduled for 9:00 to 3:00 on the following dates [subject to change]:

- Full technical expert committee - November 11 and December 16 in Madison
- Engineering subcommittee - August 31 in Appleton; September 14 and October 12 in Madison
- Nutrient Management subcommittee - September 8 or 13; September 27 or 29; and October 12 or 13 in Madison
- Odor subcommittee (9:30 – 3:00) - August 24; September 14; and October 12, and October 26 in Madison

Meeting was adjourned at 3pm.