

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

# MOU BETWEEN DSPS AND DNR ON POWTS

## Regulations

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# Agenda

- Background
- Feedback from TAC
- Changes to MOU
- Changes to DNR Guidance – pending MOU approval

# Background

- 1999 MOU defined state agencies roles in regulation of POWTS

Type of Wastewater	Privately Owned	Municipally Owned (except “special-purpose districts”)
Domestic	Large – joint review Small – DSPS review	DNR review
Industrial	DNR review	DNR review
Mixed	Large – joint review Small – Industrial Strength: DNR review Domestic Strength: DNR concurrence letter, DSPS review	DNR review

- Purpose of MOU: Agreement on agency jurisdictions

# Feedback from TAC

- Definition of “replacement” systems
- Nitrogen reduction requirements recommended to be included in MOU
- Clarifications on chloride groundwater standards
- Clarifications on campground exemptions to NR 113
- DNR guidance document to TAC and WOWRA/WCCA

# MOU Edits Since July 2024

- Definition of “replacement”

P. “Replacement” means an addition or substantial modification to an existing POWTS soil absorption component, effluent lift/dose tank or lift/dose chamber (not a pump or controls), or septic tank or other treatment tank, for the purpose of establishing when DNR plan review is required on an existing system. |

- Minor grammatical edits

# DNR POWTS Guidance

- On pause, edits will not continue until MOU is approved by both agencies
- DNR POWTS Guidance meeting held in December 2024 with DSPS TAC, WOWRA, DSPS POWTS reviewers, and other interested parties
- DNR-specific regulations will be added to DNR POWTS Guidance
  - such as chloride groundwater standards, nitrogen reduction requirements

# Discussion