



Soil Erosion Control Plan Audit Changes

The Division of Industry Services (DIS) at the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) has recently made changes to the way soil erosion control audits will be done. In an effort to ensure municipalities across the state understand the changes, below is an overview of what you can expect to see as a municipality, as well as resources that will be made available to you.

DSPS is required to conduct soil erosion control audits for each city, village, town or country every three years, per Wis. Stats. 101.653(5)(b)2. These audits are completed by members from the UDC team at DSPS. Traditionally, all of these audits were done in person, requiring both an office audit and a site audit from a municipality or county. While DSPS will continue to perform these in person audits, beginning January 2017, DSPS will begin a new process of self-verification for soil erosion control plans through a DSPS-generated online survey. With over 1,800 municipalities and counties in Wisconsin, a municipality or county will only be required to complete the online survey once every three years.

DSPS will send you an email when it is time for you to complete your online survey. This survey will range from 9-10 questions. Once you return the survey the audit will be complete, you will be notified if further action is required.

As previously mentioned, DSPS will continue to conduct in person office and field audits. Should your municipality be chosen for an in person audit, you will be notified by the department and provided with more information on what may be required.

As DSPS moves forward with these changes to the soil erosion control audits, we hope this will provide the UDC team more time for consultation with our customers – municipalities, counties, and the general public.

These audits will help Industry Services better understand the level of inspection and enforcement of the UDC being carried out by municipalities across the state. This is part of an overall effort on behalf of our department to facilitate more consistent statewide code enforcement, better communication with municipal leaders, and to provide assistance in improving inspection services.

If you have any questions regarding the new online survey, DSPS encourages you to take a look at our [website](#), contact us at 608-266-2112 or DSPESSBUDCTech@wisconsin.gov.