

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

DNR UPDATES + AWARDS

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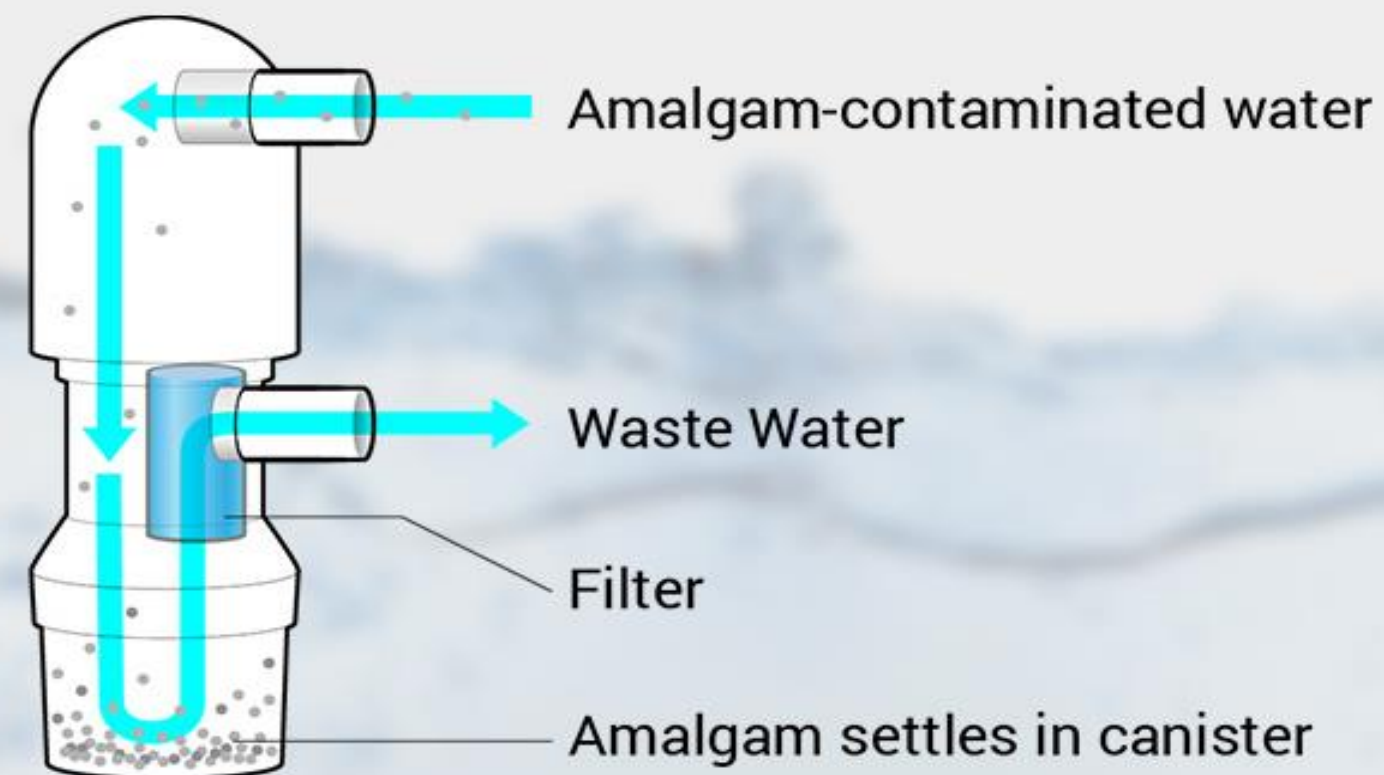
POLICY UPDATES

- Rule Packages in Development
 - Dental Amalgam Pretreatment Standards
 - Septage Streamlining
 - Operator Certification Exams (Emergency)
 - Antidegradation
 - PFAS Water Quality Standards
- Priority Principal Forgiveness
- Operator and POTW Awards



DENTAL AMALGAM RULE (NR 229)

- Adopts EPA's 2017 pretreatment standards
- Requires Dental Offices to:
 - Install mercury amalgam separators
 - Follow Best Management Practices (BMPs)
 - Submit One-time Compliance Report by October 12, 2020



SEPTAGE RULE (NR 113 + 114)

- Based on recommendations from Septage Study Group
- Raises storage size thresholds (Currently at 25,000 gal)
 - WPDES Permit required for storage of 550,000 gal or more
 - Codifies standard permit requirements for others
 - Exemptions available for small facilities <50,000 gal
- Other streamlining changes related to licensing, land applications, etc.



OPERATOR CERTIFICATION EXAMS (NR 114)

- Authorize DNR to contract with third party vendor to host exams online
- Applies to operators for:
 - Wastewater
 - Septage Servicing Operators
 - Waterworks
 - Non-transient, Non-community Water Systems
 - Well drillers
 - Etc.



ANTIDEGRADATION (NR 207)

- Scope statement expired, recommencing
- Antidegradation = policy to prevent significant lowering of water quality
 - Can prohibit relaxation of permit conditions and limits
- Goals:
 - Consistency with federal requirements
 - Clarify when antidegradation demonstration is necessary and what it should contain
 - Clarify department decision-making criteria
 - Identify public participation requirements

PRIORITY PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS

- Phosphorus
 - Eligibility
 - Discharge <150 lbs TP/month,
 - Population <10,000, or
 - Alternative Phosphorus Limit and user rates >2% MHI
 - Meet PF Eligibility Requirements
 - Funding
 - 50% of project costs up to \$1M for compliance with final limit
 - 25% of project costs up to \$.5M for compliance with interim limit
 - Lifetime Cap: \$1M



PRIORITY PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS

- Regionalization
 - Eligibility
 - Project eliminates at least one POTW discharge and redirects it to a neighboring POTW
 - At least one POTW meets PF eligibility criteria
 - Funding
 - \$2M for first POTW eliminated
 - \$1M for each additional POTW eliminated
- Energy Efficiency
 - Eligibility
 - Recipients of Focus on Energy initiative award
 - Meet PF eligibility criteria
 - Funding
 - 1-to-1 match of Focus on Energy incentive award
 - Up to \$50,000

PFAS UPDATES

Department of Natural Resources

Awards

2020 Facility of the Year Award

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Spencer Wastewater Treatment Facility Village of Spencer

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Boscobel Wastewater Treatment Facility City of Boscobel

2020 Operator of the Year Award

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Glen Franzen
Village of Crivitz

2020 Operator of the Year Award

Tyler Fadness
City of Eau Claire

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