

AIR NEWS

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Gail Good Named Air Management Program Director



Gail Good was named the new Director of Air Management on Monday, October 19th.

Gail has worked for the department's Air Program for over 15 years. She spent the first 12 years of her career as a dispersion modeler supporting permit work. For the last three years, Gail has held the Air Monitoring Section chief position. She has also served as the Midwest states' representative to the National Association of Clean Air Agencies Monitoring Steering Committee since December 2012.

Photo courtesy of Joanna Griffin.

New Streamlined Air Permitting Rules Effective Statewide December 1

Final updates to rules intended to improve how the state permits air emission sources became effective December 1.

Rule changes include an exemption from operation permits for natural minor sources as well as new exemptions for both construction and operation permits for "restricted use engines" and changes that allow site clearing, trenching and similar activities at minor source construction projects before a permit is issued.

"The new rule exempts natural minor sources from needing operation permits will reduce regulatory burden to many of our lowest emitters in the state without compromising our ability to control air pollution," said Kristin Hart, DNR Air Program Permits & Stationary Source Modeling Section chief.

The department will begin implementing the natural minor exemption immediately, whereas many of the other changes included in the new rule must still be submitted to and approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prior to full implementation. Among these are the "restricted use engine" exemption and the allowance to start certain activities prior to receiving a construction permit.

For more information visit the department's Air Permits Exemptions web page at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/SmallBusiness/Exemptions.html>

Susan Lindem Named the Air Program West Central Region Supervisor

Susan Lindem was recently named the Air Management Program's West Central Region Supervisor.

Prior to accepting this position, Susan served Air Management as the Minor Source Program Lead in the Permits and Stationary Source Modeling Section. Susan has been with the program since 1990 serving in many roles, and comes to her new position with a wealth of experience dating back to when she served as a plan reviewer with the air toxics program to her most recent position as a lead program area engineer.