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Two New General Permits are Available from the Waterway and Wetland Program

1) Small-scale dredging

A new general permit that streamlines approvals for small-scale dredging in the state's lakes, rivers and streams has been finalized and is now available for applications. The new general permit outlines standards and conditions for the dredging of lakes and streams that must be met in order to be considered for coverage under a general permit and replaces the current small-scale dredging general permit for rivers and streams that was available starting in 2005.

The general permit is valid for five years and will allow applicants to apply for coverage under the permit to remove up to 25 cubic yards from streams and inland lakes and up to 100 cubic yards from the Great Lakes cumulatively within the 5-year period if the project meets all eligibility criteria and conditions.

For more information and to apply for the permit go to the Dredging webpage: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/waterways/construction/dredging.html>.

2) Wetlands associated with certain construction sites

A new general permit that addresses impacts to wetlands that formed in depressions created as a result of grading and construction activities within uplands has been finalized and is now available for applications. The new general permit outlines standards and conditions for certain discharges of dredged and/or fill material into wetlands that formed as a result of grading and construction activities. This general permit creates a clear path forward for applicants who started a project in the past and weren't able to finish which, during the down time at the project site, developed wetlands that were not part of the original wetland delineation that identified wetlands on the site.

For more information and to apply for the permit go to the Wetlands webpage and look for "wetlands established incidental to construction activities" or "GP16": <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Waterways/construction/wetlands.html>.

The Wisconsin Recycling Markets Directory is back!

The Wisconsin Recycling Markets Directory (WRDM) is an online tool that allows users to search for recycling outlets for hard-to-recycle or unusual recyclable materials, as well as common items such as paper and metals. Users can select from the drop-down category menu and further narrow their search by item or material type.



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The directory had been previously hosted by the UW-Extension Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center, but was recently re-launched by UW-Green Bay, via a cooperative agreement with the Department of Natural Resources.

The next time you are seeking an outlet for a recyclable material, try the WRMD. If you know of or represent a firm that should be listed, use the “directory submission form.”

[Wisconsin Recycling Markets Directory](#)

Silica in Construction Roundtable

Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s (OSHA) revised silica standard becomes effective September 23, 2017. After much preparation, OSHA will begin enforcing the new standard on construction worksites. The new standard requires a comprehensive safety and health effort that includes: employee exposure assessments (air monitoring), written exposure control plan, training, medical surveillance and engineering controls. If respirators are required, you need a full respiratory protection program. Are you ready?

Join the ***Silica in Construction Roundtable*** at the Wisconsin Safety Council (WSC) headquarters. This session lets attendees ask questions of professionals who have begun to prepare for the new silica standard: a senior insurance risk manager, an air monitoring lab director, a construction safety manager, a tool distributor, an occupational health nurse, and an OSHA industrial hygienist.

Anyone interested in learning more about this topic is invited to attend. You do not have to be a member of WSC. Continuing Education Units certificates will be awarded as 0.175 units.

When: September 12, 2017 from 7 am to 9 am (program starts at 7:15 am)

Where: Wisconsin Safety Council headquarters, 501 East Washington Avenue, Madison.

Cost: **There is no cost for the workshops.** Sponsors cover the costs of the workshop materials. There is free parking in two lots next to the WSC building. Each lot is marked with blue signs stating WMC Parking.

Registration: **All attendees are asked to register with the WSC so they can properly prepare for the number of attendees, especially if a CEU certificate is needed.** Please call the WSC at 800-236-3400 or 608-258-3400 with any registration questions. Register online at: www.wisafetycouncil.org.

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