

# E-Bulletin Newsletter

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## SDWLP Reminders

SFY 2019 SDWLP applications are due June 30, 2018. We anticipate having all applications reviewed for completeness in August, at which time we are able to publish the draft Funding List. At that time, you will be able to see the:

- total number of complete applications submitted;
- relative ranking of each applicant; and
- likely distribution of loan and principal forgiveness (PF) funds.

**Project Priority Lists (PPLs), Intended Use Plans (IUPs), & Funding Lists are online at [dnr.wi.gov/Aid/projectListsIUPs.html](http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/projectListsIUPs.html)**

## CME Corner: Welcome, Dave Andruczyk

We're pleased to share the news that Dave Andruczyk will be joining the Environmental Loans Section as the Construction Management Engineer for the Northern Region. Dave started his new position on Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, and works out of the Rhinelander Service Center.

Dave has a BS in Civil Engineering from UW-Milwaukee and a MS in Civil Engineering-Wastewater & Water Treatment from Marquette University. Dave enjoys big game hunting, fishing and most recently bird hunting with his young dog, Rusty.



## American Iron & Steel (AIS) Training

Please join the Wisconsin DNR and U.S. EPA for a training on the Use of American Iron and Steel Requirements! [Learn more](#) in previous E-Bulletin.

**Tuesday, May 15, 2018**

**1:00 PM - 4:00 PM CT**

### Location for in-person participation:

WI DNR Central Office, Room G27, 101 S Webster St, Madison, WI 53703

- If you plan on attending in person, please [register by May 8<sup>th</sup>](#).

Online access: [view the live webcast](#)

## Municipal Election Results

Did your municipality elect a new official on April 3, 2018? Please inform your [DNR project manager](#) with any new contact information for new and current elected officials:

- name
- municipal title
- street address
- phone number
- email address



We need to have the correct contact information on file for the people in your municipality involved with a CWFP/SDWLP project, regardless of

what stage you're at in the process of obtaining your funding. **This is very important for new village presidents, city mayors, and clerks.** We need to have the correct names and titles to include on the signature pages of Financial Assistance Agreements. An [authorized representative resolution](#) should accompany the application submittal. We recommend that the municipality authorize a representative by "title" rather than by "name" so a newly elected official would already be authorized to act on behalf of the municipality.

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## Online Application System Updates

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, you will be able to prepare, enter, and upload your municipality's Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) Financial Assistance Application information in the [online system](#). Make sure your municipality secures its SDWLP funding by starting the application early to meet the SDWLP submittal deadline of June 30<sup>th</sup>.

If you do not already have a WAMS ID and access to the DNR Switchboard, follow the [instructions](#) on our website for access to the online submittal system. Please do this as soon as possible to ensure you have access to the system and can get started as soon as possible on your State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2019 SDWLP applications.

This is the first year the online system will be used for application submittals. The system is very similar to that of the ITA/PERF interface, so it should be familiar to most applicants. However, [help text](#) is available to guide you through the process and provide further detail regarding the information that should be submitted.

The online system will alert users to any incomplete fields or missing documentation that are required for a complete application submittal. It will also indicate when an application section has been completed. The application cannot be submitted until all required fields and documentation have been validated by the system.

We encourage you to contact the program coordinator with any questions or concerns about online applications. Start the application process early so you can get the answers you need well before the application deadline!

For an application to be considered complete, all required fields and documentation must be submitted online prior to the expiration of the application deadline. Reminder, we're not intending to have a grace period for submitting missing information and documentation required for a complete application.

**Don't wait until the **June 30, 2018** deadline to start your SFY 2019 SDWLP application!**

### Contact information

Direct online system questions to [Rebecca Mesdjian](#), Database Manager, at 608-266-5888.

Direct CWFPP application contents/process questions to [Matt Marcum](#), CWFPP Coordinator, at 608-264-8986.

Direct SDWLP application contents/process questions to [Nicole Mathews](#), SDWLP Coordinator, at 608-266-0849.

## Lead Action Level Exceedance (ALE)

**Context:** The information provided in the [Priority Evaluation and Ranking Formula \(PERF\)](#) determines a project's priority score. The loan funding allocation methodology is structured to provide loan funds to projects with the highest priority scores.

### Priority scoring of water main replacement projects including lead service line replacements

Communities that experience a lead action level exceedance (ALE) and are required to replace lead service lines (LSLs) under the Lead & Copper Rule may qualify for "Risk to Human Health" (RHH) priority score points (section HH1d in the *Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) PERF*) for water main replacement projects.

In order to receive RHH points in water main replacement projects, or portions of a project, at least 40% of the service lines being replaced must be lead. Also, project funding will require [full LSL replacement](#) (from water main to water meter).

### SDWLP PERF reevaluation requests

If your community experienced a lead ALE after October 31, 2017, please submit a PERF reevaluation request with supporting documentation of the ALE as well as evidence of at least 40% lead service lines along your water main replacement project in order to receive the additional RHH points for your project. Reevaluation requests are due within 45 days of the application deadline of June 30, 2018 and can be submitted to [Nicole Mathews](#), SDWLP Coordinator.

Visit the DNR [Drinking Water and Lead](#) webpage.

### Contact information

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## Ask EL: What is adaptive management?

**Q:** What is adaptive management? What is it used for?

**A:** Adaptive management (AM) is a phosphorus compliance option that allows point and nonpoint sources (*e.g. agricultural producers, storm water utilities, developers*) to work together to improve water quality in those waters not meeting [phosphorus water quality standards](#).

### Adaptive management

AM recognizes that the excess phosphorus (P) accumulating in our lakes and rivers comes from a variety of sources, and that reductions in both point and nonpoint sources are frequently needed to achieve water quality goals.

- AM is a watershed project that can be implemented during the Wisconsin pollutant discharge elimination system (WPDES) permit term.
- AM can be requested for P water quality based effluent limits (WQBEL).
- The reductions needed for AM are based on the receiving water, not the effluent. In-stream monitoring is required.

### Point-source facility funds off-site measures

Adaptive management is a watershed approach to controlling phosphorus, in which a point-source facility funds management measures at other point or nonpoint sources. By working in their watershed with landowners, municipalities, and counties to target sources of phosphorus runoff, point sources can minimize their overall investment while helping achieve compliance with water quality-based criteria and improving water quality.

**Point sources** are direct (*end of a pipe*), permitted sources of pollution to Wisconsin's waters from municipal and industrial discharges. These can include municipal wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs).

**Nonpoint sources (NPS)** are indirect, non-permitted sources of pollution to Wisconsin's waters from sources other than municipal and industrial discharges. These can include:

- Agricultural runoff from barnyards, cropland, and feedlots.
- Urban nonpoint sources, such as runoff from non-permitted municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) and construction sites disturbing less than one acre of land.

### Funding for adaptive management projects

Eligible Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP) pilot projects may be awarded **loans with an interest rate as low as 0%**. The [Pilot Projects Program](#) provides subsidy to municipalities seeking to fund adaptive management and other non-traditional projects (*specifically, projects not related to a wastewater treatment plant upgrade*) for compliance with a municipality's WPDES permit.

### Related DNR links

- [Adaptive Management](#)
- [Adaptive Management Technical Handbook](#)  
Describes AM and how to develop a successful AM strategy.
- [Wisconsin's Phosphorus Rule](#)
- [Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System \(WPDES\) Permits](#)

### Got Something to Ask?

If you have a question you would like answered in a future Ask Environmental Loans (EL) column, please send your questions to [Kay.Christensen@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:Kay.Christensen@Wisconsin.gov)

### Upcoming Deadlines

#### May 2

Absolute latest date to submit ALL required documentation due for SFY 18 SDWLP projects.

#### May 23

\* SFY 17 CWFP final loan closing date.

#### June 27

SFY 18 SDWLP final loan closing date.

#### June 30

- SFY 19 SDWLP application deadline.
- Executed construction contracts due for SFY 18 CWFP PF projects.
- SFY 18 CWFP application deadline for non-PF projects.
- Last date for DNR to accept SFY 18 CWFP applications & notify applicants.

#### August 14

SFY 19 SDWLP PERF score reevaluation requests deadline (within 45 days of application deadline).

#### September 30

SFY 19 CWFP application deadline for Principal Forgiveness (PF) projects.

#### October 30

SFY 19 CWFP PF PERF score reevaluation requests deadline (within 30 days of application deadline).

#### October 31

SFY 2020 ITA/PERF deadline for CWFP & SDWLP (pre-application).

**Note:** CWFP applications are accepted year-round for projects not seeking Principal Forgiveness (PF).

\* Final loan closing date for CWFP SFY 17 projects must occur within eight months of the '17-'19 biennial budget being enacted.

[View Statutory Deadlines](#)