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New contacts for DNR's emissions inventory reporting

Ralph Patterson, DNR's long-time Emissions Inventory Coordinator, retired from DNR in July after 36 years of service to the state of Wisconsin. Patterson was a key contact for over 1900 facilities across Wisconsin. Many facility representatives contacted Ralph directly with questions or concerns on annual emissions inventory reporting, as well as other air pollution topics.

With Patterson's position still unfilled, DNR requests that all contacts go to the following DNR staff for emissions inventory and fee questions:

- **Emissions inventory questions:** contact the facility's compliance inspector or Grant Hetherington at Grant.Hetherington@wisconsin.gov or (608) 266-1552.
- **Air environmental emission fee questions:** contact Yu-Lien Chu at Yulien.Chu@wisconsin.gov or (608) 266-2711.

For any other air pollution topics, contact the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program: DNRsmallbusiness@wisconsin.gov or 1-855-889-3021.

USEPA seeks input from Small Entities on definition of "Waters of the US"

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), in coordination with the U.S. Department of Army, are seeking pre-proposal input from small entities on the forthcoming proposal to revise the definition of "waters of the U.S." Small entities, among others, have expressed significant interest in the agencies' proposed revisions. The agencies propose holding a webinar for small entities on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, and an in-person meeting on Monday, October 23, 2017. The meetings will be part of a longer series of pre-proposal stakeholder outreach the agencies will conduct in Fall 2017.

The **webinar** will be held on **Tuesday, September 19, 2017, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm Eastern Time**. Those who wish to participate must contact Joan B. Rogers (202-564-6568 or rogers.joanb@epa.gov), no later than Tuesday, September 12, 2017. RSVPs will be accepted until September 12, or until webinar capacity has been reached (150 max), whichever occurs first.



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The agencies are also planning an **in-person meeting** with small entities, which will be held on **Monday, October 23, 2017, from 9:00am to 11:00am Eastern Time** at the USEPA's Headquarters located at 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20003. To facilitate the building security process, and to request reasonable accommodation, those who wish to attend must contact Joan B. Rogers (202-564-6568 or rogers.joanb@epa.gov), no later than Friday, October 13, 2017. RSVPs will be accepted until October 13, or until room capacity has been reached (100 max), whichever occurs first.

If you would like to provide a three minute "oral presentation" at either the webinar or the in-person meeting, please let Joan Rogers know by the registration dates listed above for each meeting so she can schedule your slot. Participants will only receive one speaking slot even if they intend to attend both meetings. We request that participants be as specific as possible, and include any supporting data or other information. This information will also be entered into a docket supporting this pre-proposal outreach.

For those who may not be able to attend in person or online, a docket has been opened to receive your recommendations. You can provide your input and/or read others' recommendations (Docket # - EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0480). The docket closes November 28, 2017.

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