

PFAS External Advisory Group

May 4, 2021

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- PFAS External Advisory Group Housekeeping
- Green Tier Program
- Update on Other DNR PFAS Initiatives
- WisPAC Updates
- PFAS Technical Working Group
- State and Federal Activity
- Wrap-up and Next Steps
- Public Comment

Welcome



PFAS External Advisory Group Housekeeping

- Charter
- Meeting Schedule



Wisconsin Green Tier Program

Laurel Sukup

Chief, Sustainability and Business
Support



Green Tier

DNR's Program for Leaders

5/4/21

Green Tier – A Program for Leaders

- Voluntary
- Continual Improvement
- Proactive
- Collaborative

Green Tier – A Program for Leaders

- Tier 1/Tier 2
- Environmental Management System = Plan, Do, Check, Act
- 167 Facilities

GREEN TIER

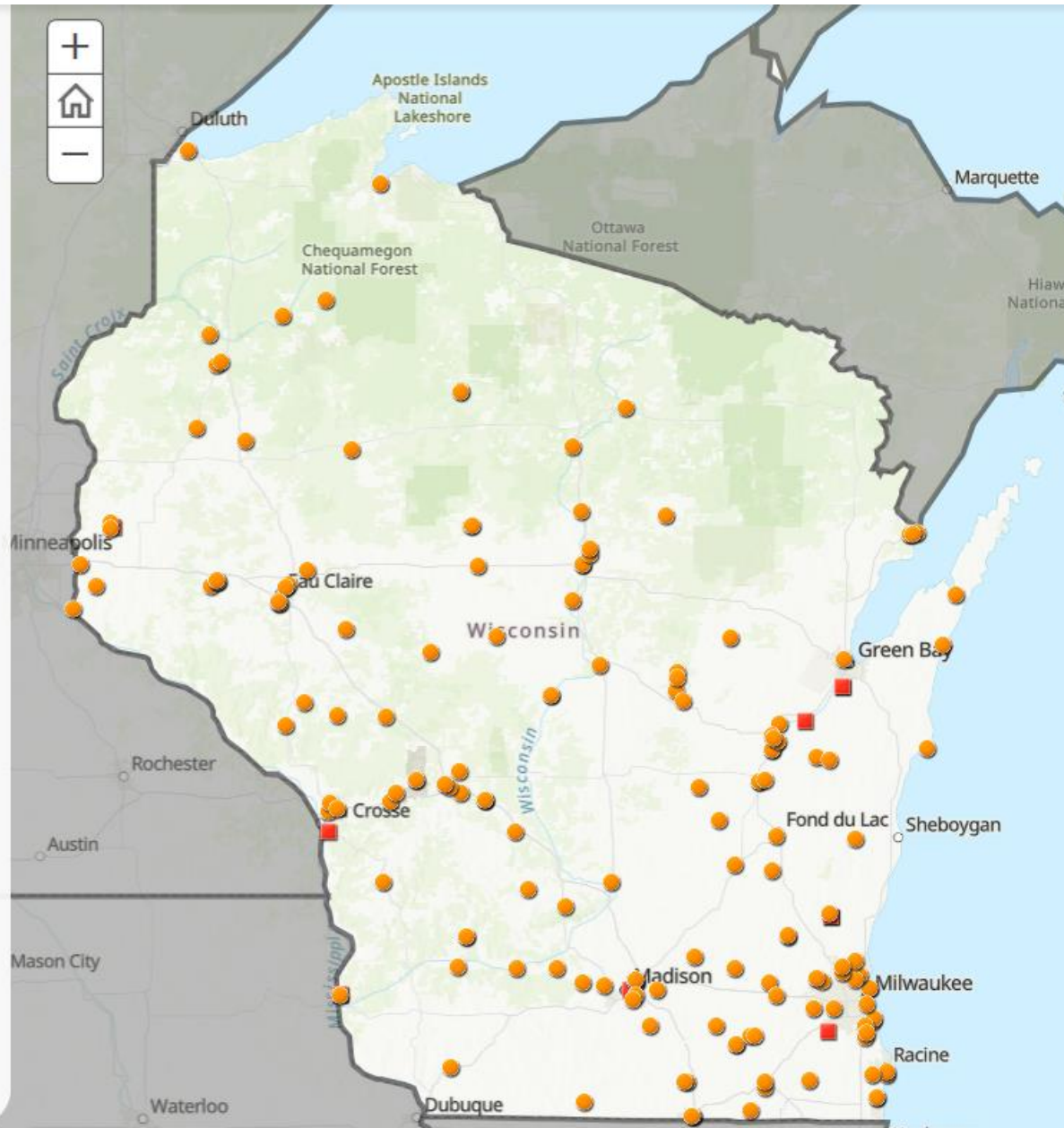
Advantage: Business Advantage: Environment

Green Tier is a program that rewards regulated and unregulated businesses, communities, and trade associations aspiring to deliver superior environmental performance. Green Tier (299 WisStats), provides new tools for Wisconsin's environmental law to move from compliance minimums to incentive-based systems. The result is superior environmental performance, making Wisconsin a "green" place to do business and a greener place to live. Green Tier uses collaborative, proactive relationships to pursue creative approaches to protect, improve and restore the environment.

Tier 1



Tier 2



Green Tier – A Program for Leaders

- What about groups/associations with a topic focus?
- Charter
- Current Charters

Green Tier – A Program for Leaders

- [Clear Waters Initiative](#)
- [Legacy Communities](#)
- [Wisconsin Consulting Foresters \(WCF\) Environmental Results Charter](#)
- [Wisconsin Master Logger Environmental Results Charter](#)
- [Wisconsin Printing Industry Superior Environmental Performance Charter](#)
- [Wisconsin Urban Wood](#)

Green Tier – A Program for Leaders

- Mercury Green Tier Charter for Environmental Performance
- 15 municipalities pledged to work to take mercury out of the environment earlier than required by regulations.
- Focused on mercury reduction and product substitution.
- Coordination led to faster BMP implementation

Green Tier – A Program for Leaders

The goals of this Charter are:

1. To reduce mercury discharges to wastewater by a stepped program of mercury source identification, mercury reduction education, and source control.
2. To reduce mercury discharges into municipal wastewater plants consistent with DNR Guidance on Mercury PMPs so that mercury discharges to wastewaters have been reduced to the greatest extent practicable
3. To implement an evaluation system that provides flexibility for experimentation by participants that use innovative techniques to try to achieve superior environmental performance in mercury reduction.
4. To provide some certainty with meeting mercury reduction obligations that would be required by future WPDES permits,
5. To promote the transfer of technological and practical innovations that improve environmental performance in an efficient, effective, or safe manner and strengthen an environmental management system for mercury.

Green Tier – A Program for Leaders

RESULTS in the first year:

- Two-thirds of dental offices installed wastewater amalgam separators
- Three-quarters of medical facilities replaced equipment with mercury free options.
- Three-quarters of the schools were virtually mercury free

CONNECT WITH US

Laurel Sukup

Laurel.sukup@Wisconsin.gov

608-267-6817



/WIDNR



@WIDNR



@WI_DNR



/WIDNRTV



"WILD WISCONSIN:
OFF THE RECORD"

DNR Updates





PFAS ACTION PLAN

The PFAS Action Plan is a comprehensive roadmap for how state agencies will address PFAS in Wisconsin.

[READ MORE](#)



Wisconsin PFAS Action Plan

Wisconsin PFAS Action Council (WisPAC)

- | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|--|
| Department of Natural Resources | Department of Veterans Affairs | Department of Military Affairs |
| Department of Safety and Professional Services | Department of Corrections | Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation |
| Department of Administration | Department of Public Affairs | Department of Public Instruction |
| Department of Transportation | Department of Health Services | Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene |
| Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection | Public Service Commission | Department of Revenue |
| | Department of Justice | |
| | University of Wisconsin System | |

December 2020

Wisconsin PFAS Action Council (WisPAC) Updates

PFAS Technical Group

- Supplement External Advisory Group – similar default schedule
- Information Sharing - could indirectly inform policy development
- Open Membership – run by OEC & PFAS researchers
- Focus on External Presentations – limited DNR updates
- Potential Ad-Hoc Groups



[This Photo](#) by Unknown Author is licensed under [CC BY-NC](#)

Example Topics

- Remediation, Disposal & Lab Innovations (discussing database)
- Sampling Results (DNR or others)
- Case Studies
- Research Results & Collaboration Opportunities
- Performance/Safety of Non-Fluorinated Alternatives
- Communication Tools & Concerns
- Standards-Related Info
- Policy Implications?



State Activity

- [CLEAR Act](#)
- [Clean Sweep Expansion](#)



Federal Activity



- Congress
 - [PFAS Action Act](#)
- EPA
 - [Council on PFAS](#)
 - [Low Volume Exemptions](#)
 - [PFBS Toxicity Assessment](#)

Wrap-up and Next Steps



CONNECT WITH US

Mimi Johnson
melanie.l.johnson@wi.gov

Jason Lowery
jason.lowery@wi.gov



/WIDNR



@WIDNR



@WI_DNR



/WIDNRTV



"WILD WISCONSIN:
OFF THE RECORD"