Summary Of Proposed Changes To UNPS&SW Planning Grant Instructions 2028 Funding Cycle

The following revisions were made in the UNPS-Planning application instructions.

- The WI Box file transfer tool is no longer being used at the DNR. The language regarding how to submit the grant files over email was revised to the following:

  Email the application files or a link to the files on a different FTP site to DNRCFANonpointGrants@wisconsin.gov. Send multiple emails and break up the files if they exceed 25 MB. The subject line of the email should include the application type, project name and applicant name.

- Grant duties have shifted off the Regional Nonpoint Source Coordinators, and a new Regional Project Contact (Storm Water staff person) has been identified for each DNR region to assist with UNPS Grants.

  - Northeast Region: Christopher Linskens, Christopher.Linskens@wisconsin.gov
  - Northen/West Central Region: Ethan McGowan, Ethan.Mcgowan@wisconsin.gov
  - Southeast Region: Samantha Katt, Samantha.Katt@wisconsin.gov
  - South Central Region: Christina Rauh, Christina.Rauh@wisconsin.gov

- Form 3400-189u will no longer be used to submit Final Reports. Grantees will be required to submit Final Reports using the DNR's BMP Implementation Tracking System (BITS).

Once the final instructions and application forms are posted, cities, villages, towns, counties, regional planning commissions, tribal governments and special purpose lake, sewage or sanitary districts will have from Jan. 15, 2027 until April 15, 2027 to submit applications for 2028 projects. Urban Nonpoint Source Construction grant applications will not be solicited in 2027 but will be solicited again in 2028.