

Meeting Summary

Air Management Advisory Group Meeting
Thursday, December 4, 2025

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Opening remarks and agenda repair

Program Director Gail Good opened the meeting. Craig Czarnecki ran through meeting procedures.

Hiring and Admin Update

With the additional resources provided to the construction permit program in State FY26 budget, the Program was able to recruit four new construction permit writers.

Their work will involve review of construction-permit related applications, and most exemption applications paused in Fall of 2023. The priority remains construction permits, then exemptions, and finally revisions.

The Field Operation Director role is anticipated to be filled in an acting capacity for the next 4-6 months.

Proposed Guidance, Rules and Legislative Update

Proposed/Final DNR Rules

The Air Program has two administrative rules in progress and provided a status update and brief overview of each rule:

- [NR 410 New Source Review Fee Rule](#) - Updates to construction permit fees to assure compliance with Clean Air Act requirements and to meet business needs of permitted sources. The NR 410 rule has entered Phase 4 (Legislative Review) rulemaking process.
- VOC RACT Rule - Updates to Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) regulations in chs. NR 419 through NR 425 to ensure compliance with federal VOC RACT requirements are met. The VOC RACT rule is in Phase 1 (Scope Statement- Initial Planning) of the rulemaking process. There will be opportunities for public input on the scope statement in mid-December 2025.

EPA Rules and Guidance

The EPA has proposed and finalized several rules since the September 2025 AMAG meeting. A list of air-related rules and regulatory actions was provided to stakeholders for awareness. The links to the individual rule dockets and applicable public comment deadlines was also provided. The DNR stated that it did not intend to comment on any proposed rules at this time.

Secondary SO₂ National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)

An update was given on the status of the area designations process for the 2025 secondary Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) NAAQS. Governor's designation recommendations were due Dec. 11, 2025. The EPA's final area designations are due Dec. 11, 2026.

2025 PM NAAQS

On November 24, 2025, the EPA responded to ongoing litigation in the D.C. Circuit Court filing a motion to vacate the 2024 PM NAAQS. The Court must grant this motion before the rule is vacated. The PM NAAQS remains in effect. The department will keep stakeholders updated on any changes to the NAAQS.

Air Management Program Webinar

The annual Emission Reporting webinar was held for Dec. 2, 2025 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Registration opened Nov. 4, 2025.

Webinar Agenda

- Emissions inventory updates, including the transition from WAMS to MyWisconsinID.
- Important compliance and stack testing updates and the new [Compliance with Air Regulations Webpage](#).
- DNR's management of large development projects that involve multiple DNR programs.

Approximately 475 people attended the webinar.

The webinar recording is available on the [DNR's Emissions Inventory Tutorials and Help](#) page, under the Webinar Recordings section.

Ozone Topics

Air Monitoring Highlights

Ben Wolf, Air Monitoring Section manager reported that ozone season has wrapped up with 99+% data completion across all 32 monitoring stations. The longest downtime was nine days at the Lake DuBay station resulting in 95% data completeness due to a shelter replacement, well over EPA minimum of 75% data completion.

Other major projects include the launch of a new [air quality data map](#), which features improved navigation and user experience with a new advisory banner, news box and "orange or above" AQI filter.

The monitoring section also upgraded four aging air monitoring shelters with new shelters due to weather vulnerability.

Two Ho-Chunk PM2.5 stations were added to Wisconsin's Primary Quality Assurance Organization and web map, in Black River Falls and Tomah.

Status of 2025 Ozone Season

An update was given on the 2025 preliminary ozone data as well as the 2025 meteorology influencing ozone formation. Once quality assured and certified by the EPA, 2023-2025 data will generate final 2025 design values used for regulatory decision making.

Litigation

DNR staff gave a brief update on the status of litigation on the Serious Reclassification Rule and the DNR's 2021 petition for reconsideration.

Members Update

Jeff Hanson – Utility sector continues to work to address capacity issues to provide reliable and affordable energy in a sustainable way. Looking at renewables and battery projects.

Ciaran Gallagher - Clean Wisconsin is working on an environmental health initiative that includes looking at wildfire impacts. They anticipate results will be published soon.

Todd Palmer – Hired a former EPA attorney (Matther McNerney) to join firm to assist with rules and Clean Air Act policy issues.

Title V Program

Gail Good shared information about the Title V Program, including the purpose and scope of the Title V program, specific activities included in a Title V program, and how a healthy and well-funded Title V program supports good air quality. The Title V Program in Wisconsin is operating with significant budget shortfalls necessitating restricted work under the program, especially related to Title V operation permit renewals. The fees to support the Title V program in Wisconsin need to be updated/increased and this can only be done through a statutory change, such as a biennial budget update.

2026 Priority Topics and Meeting Dates

Emerging Federal Regulation

- Emerging Contaminants (PFAS)
- Federal permit actions
- PM2.5 NAAQS
- Long term planning – deregulatory agenda/grant funding

Ongoing Efforts

- 2015 ozone NAAQS implementation
- Ozone transport
- SIP submittals and redesignation requests
- Air quality monitoring data updates
- Air quality modeling updates
- Federal Rulemaking
- State Rulemaking (e.g., NR 410, VOC RACT)

Opportunities

- Program efficiencies and automation opportunities
- Goals and vision of DNR
- Working with other states and organizations

2026 AMAG meeting dates

- March 5, 2026
- Future meetings will be held in June and September, with dates to be determined.

Next AMAG Meeting. The next study group meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 5** at 9 a.m.