

December 13, 2010

Secretary Matthew Frank  
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Dear Secretary Frank:

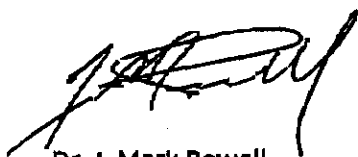
We are pleased to transmit the final report from the Agricultural Waste Best Management Practices Advisory Group. This Advisory Group is comprised of thirteen members, representing agriculture, environmental groups, academia, federal and state government agencies. Please note that the task of Advisory Group was to recommend beneficial management practices to abate ammonia and hydrogen sulfide from animal agriculture in Wisconsin. The Department staff is the primary author of the report.

The proposed beneficial management practices (BMPs) in the report are the product of meetings held by both the full Advisory Group and two Sub-groups (the Bovine Sub-group and the Swine & Poultry Sub-group) from April through December 2010.

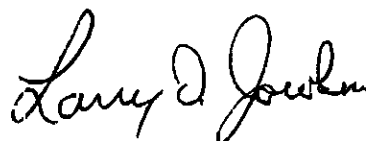
We hope the attached report satisfies the Department's request to identify suitable BMPs for mitigating the emissions of hazardous air pollutants from various types of livestock and poultry operations in Wisconsin.

During this comprehensive, nine-month multi-stakeholder process, science-based information and the collective knowledge, experience and expertise of a diverse Advisory Group membership were utilized to develop these technically sound BMPs. We believe the proposed BMPs provide options to producers that will enhance the future sustainability of animal agriculture in Wisconsin.

Sincerely,



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