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Subject: Agricultural Waste Beneficial Management Practices

Dear:

I am writing to thank the Agricultural Waste Best Management Practices Advisory Group members for their diligence and commitment to evaluating beneficial practices that will help Wisconsin's animal agriculture industry to operate sustainably into the future.

The practices contained in the Advisory Group's report represent effective methods that reduce ammonia and hydrogen sulfide emissions from various types of animal agriculture operations in Wisconsin. Employment of these practices at Wisconsin's farms would result in improved air quality and increased protection of human health.

As you are aware, the compliance exemption contained in NR 445 for animal agriculture operations will expire on July 31, 2011. To ensure that Wisconsin's animal agriculture industry has the compliance tools it needs to meet the looming NR 445 requirements, I have directed staff to begin the rule-making process. This process will involve a formal Advisory Group and will focus on the practical implementation opportunities and challenges of the practices identified in the report. However, please be aware that the incoming Secretary may wish to consult with the Natural Resources Board on the future direction of this effort.

I again thank you for your participation on this advisory group. Your commitment to this effort has provided a set of practical tools which will allow Wisconsin's animal agriculture industry to operate sustainably into the future.

Sincerely,

Matt Frank
Secretary

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