Wisconsin Water Laws and Regulations

Brookfield, WI - Wednesday, April 29, 2020

You’ll be able to:

Understand the history and scope of the Public Trust Doctrine, and its impact on surface water and groundwater rights.

Review surface water rights, including the impact of federal regulations of waters of the United States.

Comply with point source and non-point source regulations for industrial facilities, agriculture, and public and private sewer systems.

Discuss water quality compliance with respect to nitrate, phosphorus and chloride.

Explore stormwater management planning, including compliance with local ordinances on stormwater discharge.

Wisconsin Attorneys
8.0 CLE Hours

Wisconsin Engineers
6.5 PDHs
Including 1.0 Ethics Hour

Learn about Wisconsin surface and ground water rights and regulations

Explore storm water management and urban nonpoint source pollution prevention

Discuss how to comply with water quality laws and regulations

Agenda

The Public Trust Doctrine
S. Frye, D. Gallo

- History and overview - common law of water rights
- Riparian rights: lakes vs. streams/impoundments
- Ordinary high water mark (OHWM): Surface water diversion
- Navigable waters and wetlands: Wis. Stat. Ch. 30 permits
- Lake issues and public access: Groundwater

Complying with Water Quality Laws and Regulations
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- Point source regulation, industrial and agricultural permit programs
- Non-point stormwater regulation and permitting
- Public and private sewer systems
- Groundwater standards and protection

Understanding Wisconsin Surface Water Rights
S. Frye, D. Gallo

- Ownership of surface water
- Regulation of surface water rights
- Waters of the United States vs. state jurisdiction
- Wisconsin isolated wetlands and artificial wetlands
- Hydrologic restoration
- Obtaining surface water rights
- Amending surface water rights
- Producer-led watershed planning
- Current issues in surface water rights

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Understand the Public Trust Doctrine and the common law of water rights

Identify ethical issues in water law and regulation

Examine wastewater planning and compliance

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Public information and education activities

Local ordinances affecting storm water discharge (construction site or post construction erosion control, pet waste, or illicit discharge management)

Wisconsin runoff rules

Urban TMDL, targeted runoff management

Agricultural technical and performance standards

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