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Kewaunee County Unanimously Approves Agricultural Performance Standards with Local Ordinance

KEWAUNEE, WI – In an effort to further protect groundwater quality, the Kewaunee County Board of Supervisors has locally adopted the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' NR 151 as part of Kewaunee County's Chapter 39 Ordinance with unanimous approval.

NR 151 was recently revised July 1, 2018 to include performance standards and prohibitions in respect to the application of manure in areas of Silurian dolomite with a depth to bedrock of 20 feet or less.

Since 2015, the DNR and Kewaunee County in collaboration with state, federal and local agencies, farmers, non-profits, citizens and those impacted with unsafe wells, developed Best Management Practice Workgroup recommendations that became the pillar for the State of Wisconsin to adopt stronger standards for land spreading of manure in the Silurian dolomite aquifer.

"I applaud everyone's hard work, long hours and dedication that made it possible to adopt these 'first of their kind' Silurian dolomite performance standards that provide another layer of protection to our groundwater resource that so many of our citizens rely on every day," says Davina Bonness, Director Land and Water Conservation Department. "Success can happen when all parties collaborate to protect a common natural resource."

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