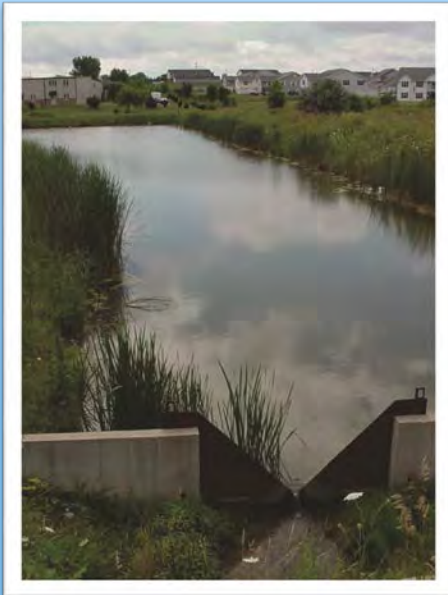


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Technical Standard Development Process



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Who & what is SOC?

An inter-agency effort used to develop high-quality technical standards used across Wisconsin's conservation programs.



Focus on technical not political.



Technical standards are...

- Science-based documents stating minimum criteria to meet a predicted benefit
- For a technical audience
- Published and maintained by DNR & NRCS
- Referenced in many government programs and administrative rules



Technical standards = conservation practices

Water Quality Standards – NR 102



Nonpoint Performance Standards / Prohibitions

NR 151 - Expectations for land manager or developer



Technical Standards for Best Mgmt. Practices (BMP)

How are the standards created?

1. Collect data, input from tech standard users
 - Biennial Technical Standards Needs survey
 - Next one occurs in summer of 2015!
2. Prioritize standards for development or revision
3. Determine project scope and select process
 - Full Process – new standard or major revisions
 - EZ Process – time sensitive, limited use, minimal impact
 - Minor Process – minimal changes
4. Create 2-year Work Plan



Steps in SOC Process

1

Form and support
the team

2

Develop the draft
standard

3

Request and
consider feedback

Full



EZ



Steps in SOC Process

4

Conduct broad
review and
consider comments

5

Finalize and publish
revised standard

6

Evaluate team
process

Full

EZ

Minor

Guiding Principles

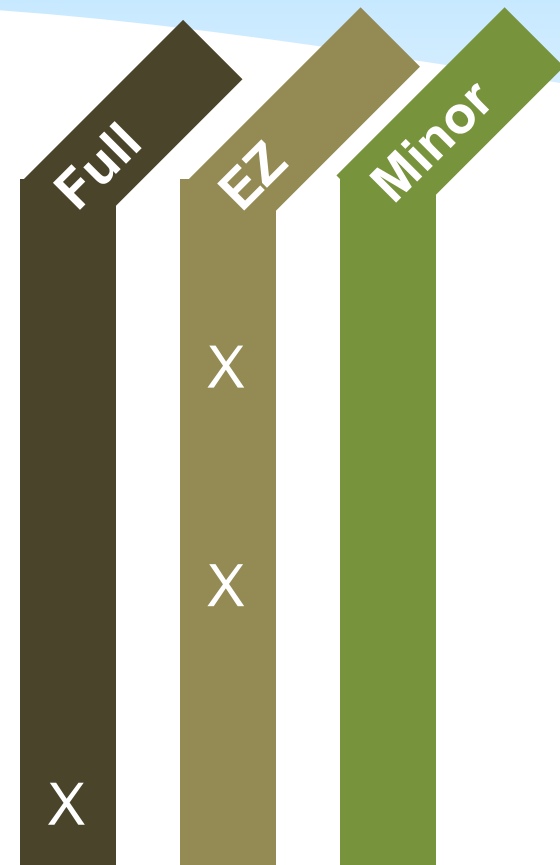
- Focus on science to ensure the **quality** of the standards and their effectiveness in protecting the environment and the general public;
- Strive for **uniformity in use** of technical standards by securing broad participation and consensus in decision making;
- Ensure **openness and accountability** in the process and the end products.



2015 Work Plan: Upcoming Revisions

2015 Urban Standard Projects

- 1050, Land Application of Anionic Polyacrylamide
- 1051, Sediment Control Water Application of Polymer
- 1073, Vegetated Swale (new)



Get Involved & Share your expertise

- Sign up for our listserv to receive notifications of standard updates
- Review and comment on draft standards
- Participate as a team member



Collaboration is key.

With all technical standard users engaged, we create more effective practice standards that protect water quality.

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