# Tony Evers

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**EMERGENCY ORDER #17**
**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ADMINISTRATIVE RULE SUSPENSION**

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, Governor Tony Evers declared a public health emergency to direct all resources needed to respond to and contain COVID-19 in Wisconsin;

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump proclaimed a National Emergency concerning COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2020, Governor Tony Evers issued a safer at home order declaring food production, distribution, fulfillment centers, storage facilities, as essential infrastructure; food and beverage production, transport, and agriculture as essential businesses and operations; and manufacture, distribution, and supply chain for critical products and industries including agriculture, and food and beverage as essential businesses and operations;

**WHEREAS**, the spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin has significantly disrupted local economies, and it has the potential to disrupt food and beverage supply chains and the agriculture industry;

**NOW THEREFORE,** under the authority of Wis. Stat. § 323.12(4) and the public health emergency declared in Executive Order #72, I, Governor Tony Evers, order the suspension of the following Department of Natural Resources (the Department) administrative rule and order a companion directive as follows:

1. The Department may suspend the requirement for a nutrient management plan under Wis. Admin. § NR 151.07(3) for small and medium nonpermitted farms who seek permission to dispose of unused milk when the following conditions have been met:

    a. The farmer can demonstrate to the Department's satisfaction that they do not have sufficient available storage capacity for unused milk;
    b. The farmer can demonstrate to the Department's satisfaction that it cannot comply with the current nutrient management plan when land-applying the milk; and
    c. The farmer applies the milk in a manner that complies with all other applicable rules.

This order shall remain in effect for the duration of the public health emergency declared in Executive Order #72, or until subsequent superseding emergency orders are issued.

Tony Evers

March 27, 2020

Tony Evers
Governor
State of Wisconsin

Date