

# Rep. Kitchens: Statement on adoption of new NR 151 rule changes

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Madison—State Representative Joel Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) released the following statement after the Natural Resources Board voted to adopt the proposed changes to NR 151:

“I am incredibly pleased that the Natural Resources Board has voted unanimously in favor of adopting the proposed changes to NR 151, which regulates manure spreading procedures for the karst geo-region in Northeast Wisconsin.

“The proposed changes are something I have been advocating for since I joined the Assembly and I am excited to see my efforts come to fruition. It has been a long process and the board’s approval is a huge leap forward in getting this done. The rule will now head to the Governor and the Legislature for review and I will remain an active advocate for these new changes.

“I would like to recognize the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters, Clean Wisconsin, rural Land and Water Conservation Departments and local governments as well as those in the agribusiness community such as the Wisconsin Association of Professional Agriculture Consultants and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau for recognizing the need for this change and voicing their support.

“These common sense changes to the manure management rules strike a balance between the interests of the agriculture community and the need to protect our groundwater. This is a tremendous win for the 1st Assembly District and a significant step in addressing the water contamination issues that we face. ”