

Clean Sweep "FIX" For 2003

By Roger Springman, Program Manager, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

I wanted to give you, our clean sweep partner associations, a heads-up on a very recent development important to Wisconsin counties, businesses, and farmers. Owing to an unexpected transfer of monies within DATCP, the Department will now be able to extend collection services through 2003.

Needless to say, I am very pleased that the clean sweep program has been put into the active mode for 2003. It was right at the edge of being cancelled as you likely recall. While we have this good news for 2003, the future beyond 2004 remains uncertain. The money making possible this short term fix will not be available after 2004. Understanding the importance of

clean sweep to prevent pollution, protect public/worker health, and keep the cost of possible remediation events, (i.e. spills) down, the Department is looking at a variety of longer term solutions too.

Once the final details of our 2003 program get worked out, I will contact you so you can inform your members on where and how to receive collection services. Should you have any suggestions on what DATCP can do to increase services and participation, do not hesitate to contact me at 608-224-4545.

Thank you for your interest in and support of the Agricultural Clean Sweep Program. ♣



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