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February 2013



Analyst

EMSI Analyst Services Workshop

Planning and economic development practitioners from Bay-Lake and East Central RPC Regions are invited to attend the EMSI Analyst Services Workshop!

**Monday, February 18th
9:30am - 12:00pm
Bay-Lake RPC Offices
439 S Jackson Street
Green Bay, WI**

Led by Graham Callis from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), this workshop will provide an overview of the EMSI Analyst services and how it can help your economic development entity or municipality. There will also be a 30-minute overview of year two of the Certified Sites Program.

If you are from the Bay-Lake Region and plan to participate in the February 18th EMSI Analyst Services Workshop, please RSVP to [Richard Heath](#) by February 13th.

For more information on EMSI Analyst, visit the EMSI [website](#).

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WROC 2015 Announcement

The Wisconsin Regional Orthophotography Consortium (WROC) officially announces the selection of the Ayres Associates/AeroMetric team for the WROC 2015 mapping program. We are happy to be working again with the Ayres Associates/AeroMetric team, which in 2010 completed the only single-year, statewide, leaf-off aerial imagery coverage in Wisconsin's history.



Our plan is to have a coordinated bottom-up approach again as we prepare for 2015. We will work with all private, federal, state, county, and municipal partners to build the program into regional and possibly statewide datasets.

Regional meetings will be held around the state to provide more information about the program. We will also be presenting information about the WROC program at the WLIA Annual conference in February.

If you would like more information, visit the [website](#) or contact [Joshua Schedler](#).

Public Invited To Submit Water Quality Data to Help Determine 2014 List of Impaired Waters



Citizens around Wisconsin are invited to submit information they've collected about streams, rivers, and lakes to feed into the state's biennial process for determining which waters do not meet water quality standards. The Wisconsin DNR will use information received by the close of business March 1, 2013, to help assess the condition of Wisconsin's water bodies and

develop the state's list of impaired waters and biennial water quality report, which the DNR must submit to Congress under federal Clean Water Act rules.

The DNR is interested in receiving all types of water quality data and information for lakes and rivers particularly data collected between 2003 and 2012. More information about data quality requirements and how to submit data can be found on the DNR's water quality assessment [website](#) or by contacting Aaron Larson at (608) 264-6129 or Bob Masnado at (608) 267-7662.

U.S. Announces Clean Air Act Settlement with Wisconsin Public Service (WPS)

The U.S. EPA and the U.S. Department of Justice announced a settlement with WPS that requires WPS to invest approximately \$300 million in pollution control technology, pay a civil penalty of \$1.2

Settlement

Available Grants

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**February 27, 2013,
10AM**
Commission
Executive Committee
Meeting
(teleconference)

**March 5th & 6th,
2013**
Fox-Wolf Watershed
Alliance 14th Annual
Conference, Neenah

**March 8, 2013,
10AM**
Full Commission
Meeting, Green Bay

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million, and spend \$6 million on environmental mitigation projects to resolve violations of the Clean Air Act. The settlement covers all eight coal-fired boilers at the utility's two power plants, the Pulliam plant in Green Bay, and the Weston plant in Rothschild.

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"EPA is committed to protecting communities from the pollution problems that matter most, including reducing air pollution from the largest sources of emissions," said Cynthia Giles, assistant administrator for EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. "The pollution reductions and the significant investment in local environmental projects under this agreement will ensure that the people of Wisconsin and neighboring states have cleaner, healthier air."

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"This settlement will eliminate thousands of tons of harmful air pollution each year, thus improving air quality in Wisconsin and downwind areas," said Ignacia S. Moreno, assistant attorney general for the Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division. The agreement will reduce



emissions by 15,000 tons annually, and "demonstrates the Justice Department's continuing efforts, along with EPA, to bring large sources of air pollution into compliance with the Clean Air Act."

WPS will also spend \$6 million on projects that will benefit the environment and human health in communities located near the WPS facilities. WPS must pay \$250,000 each to the U.S. Forest Service and the National Park Service, to be used on projects to address the damage done from WPS's alleged excess air emissions. Up to \$4 million will be spent on a renewable energy resource enhancement project, up to \$1.2 million on a wood stove change-out project, and up to \$300,000 on a community digester project. The remaining mitigation funding will be spent on either a compressed natural gas or hybrid fleet conversion project, or a solar panel installation project.

Reducing air pollution from the largest sources of emissions, including coal-fired power plants, is one of EPA's National Enforcement Initiatives for 2011-2013. SO₂ and NO_x, two key pollutants emitted from power plants, have numerous adverse effects on human health and are significant contributors to acid rain, smog, and haze. These pollutants are converted in the air to fine particles of particulate matter that can cause severe respiratory and cardiovascular impacts, and premature death. Reducing these harmful air pollutants will benefit the communities located near WPS facilities, particularly communities disproportionately impacted by environmental risks and vulnerable populations, including children. Because air pollution from power plants can travel significant distances downwind, this settlement will also reduce air pollution outside of the immediate region.

More information about the settlement can be found [here](#).

Available Grant Opportunities



The following is a list of upcoming grant opportunities and their due dates. Please contact the [Commission](#) if you need assistance with preparing or administering a grant, or if you are interested in partnering with the Commission on a project.

- [Environmental Education Grants \(WEEB\)](#), February 8, 2013
- [Sustain Our Great Lakes](#), February 14, 2013
- [Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation Community Grants](#), February 15, 2013
- [Creative Communities Grants](#), February 24, 2013
- [The Joyce Foundation](#), February 25, 2013
- [NOAA Great Lakes Habitat Restoration Funding](#), February 27, 2013
- [Captain Planet Foundation Grants](#), February 28, 2013
- [Access Fund Climbing Preservation Grant Program](#), March 1, 2013
- [Boat Enforcement Patrol Grants](#), March 1, 2013
- [Wisconsin State Horse Council Trail Grants](#), March 1, 2013
- [Walmart Foundation State Giving Program](#), March 1, 2013
- [North American Wetlands Conservation Act U.S. Standard Grants](#), March 1, 2013
- [Coca-Cola Company/National Recycling Coalition Bin Grants](#), March 4, 2013
- [Art Works](#), March 7, 2013
- [Economic Development Assistance](#), March 13, 2013
- [Pollution Prevention Grant Program](#), March 14, 2013
- [MetLife Foundation Community-Police Partnership Awards Program](#), March 17, 2013
- [Emergency Shelter Grant/Transitional Housing Program/Homelessness Prevention Program](#), March 22, 2013
- [University of Michigan Water Center Grants](#), March 29, 2013
- [Focus on Energy Business Incentive Program](#), March 31, 2013
- [USDA Rural Development Community Facility and Water and Environmental Grants](#)

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