

Some daunting new water treatment rules are now in effect in Wisconsin. The new regs from the DNR try to rein in the levels of phosphorous released into waterways in the state from sources like farm fields and water treatment plants. Could cost millions to comply with, says La Crosse city water utility manager, Mark Johnson. But new advances in technology may mitigate some of the costs and make complying with the new rules easier to stomach. The new rules call for phosphorous levels from treatment plants that are five times lower than La Crosse's current levels.