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Wisconsin Water Alliance today issued the following statement regarding the recently announced settlement between the Dairy Business Association and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources:

“The settlement entered into by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Dairy Business Association is a major victory for farmers, landowners, and the rule of law. The DNR overstepped its legal authority by regulating storm water runoff from calf hutch lots and feed storage on livestock farms. Specifically, DNR officials forced farmers to go beyond what was in the law through ‘guidance’ documents, which the DNR enforced as de facto laws. This type of activity is explicitly prohibited by a law enacted in 2011 known as Act 21. If an agency wishes to regulate a certain activity, it must promulgate a rule and have the authority to issue such a rule.

The Wisconsin Water Alliance congratulates the Dairy Business Association and its members for filing the lawsuit and ensuring that the rule of law is followed by state agencies.”

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The Wisconsin Water Alliance (www.wisconsinwateralliance.org) is a non-partisan, statewide organization whose mission is to help protect the state’s water resources and advocate for sound water policies that benefit current and future generations of Wisconsin families, cities, businesses, farmers and others. Through reasonable state and local policies, the WWA believes Wisconsin can continue to rely upon its fresh water to help drive the state’s economic engine while at the same time protect this precious natural resource.