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Subject:

Purple Loosestrife Monitoring Program

Rothschild Hydroelectric Project

FERC Project No. 2212

Dear Mr. Fossum and Mr. Martini:

This letter serves as an update on Weyerhaeuser Company's purple loosestrife monitoring efforts for year 2000. Under provisions of its monitoring plan, Weyerhaeuser conducts field survey to monitor purple loosestrife occurrence each year. During odd-numbered years, a written report of monitoring results is prepared and sent to resource agencies. Field survey was conducted in July of this year, and results will be incorporated into the written report for calendar year 2001.

In addition, Weyerhaeuser contracted with Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company to conduct experimental chemical control in selected areas. A summary of this effort, which was conducted on a voluntary basis, will be included in the monitoring report for 2001.

Should you have any questions regarding the purple loosestrife monitoring, please contact William V. Dohr at Weyerhaeuser Company (715-355-6311) or me.

Sincerely,

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