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RE:

Pine Project FERC 2486 — 036

Article 413

Purple Loosestrife Monitoring

Please find the enclosed results of monitoring for Purple Loosestrife at the Pine Project.

Wisconsin Electric is by this letter, filing one original and eight additional copies of these results with the Secretary of FERC in compliance with order 2486-018 issued August 17, 1997.

In addition to annual monitoring, Wisconsin Electric has posted information on identifying and preventing the spread of purple loosestrife on bulletin boards at recreation Areas 24 and 34. A copy of this poster in included in this filing.

Please feel free to call me at (414) 221-2413, if you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

CC:

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Project Manager, Hydro Licensing

Mr. David Boergers, FERC (one original and eight copies)

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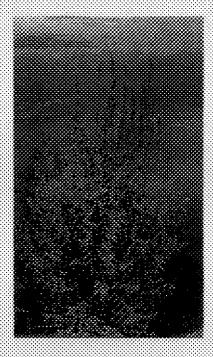
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Report for 1998 on Monitoring for Purple Loosestrife at the Pine Project - FERC 2486

The entire shoreline of the Pine Impoundment was visually surveyed by Wisconsin Electric Power Company scientific staff (John Hrobar and Noel Cutright) in a boat. All waters and wetlands within the project boundary and the Pine River for 0.25 mile downstream of the Pine powerhouse were surveyed, including those areas of the impoundment supporting growth of submersed aquatic plants. The survey was conducted on July 29, 1998. NO purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) plants were found.

Inspections of the information on purple loosestrife posted a the Pine recreation Areas 24 and 34 were made on July 29, and all signage is present and weathering well.

PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE

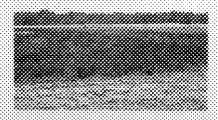


An Attractive but **Serious Threat** to Wetlands and Waterways

Purple Loosestrife is an aggressive plant that is invading our wetlands and

- · displacing valuable wetland plants
- · degrading wildlife habitat
- choking waterways





LOOK FOR PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE

- From Mid-July through Early September when it's in bloom and easily recognized.
- · In shallow water wetlands and on wet soils.
- In cettal marshes, sedge meadows, and open bogs.
- Along stream and river banks, shores of takes, and near shore areas.
- In disches and along duch and dike banks
- On exposed or otherwise disturbed wat soils.

In order to control the spread of purple loosestrile. Wisconsin Electric needs to know where it is found in and around our Wilderness Shores. You can play a major role in this effort by reporting purple loosestrile locations. Please contact our from Mountain Headquarters.

Phone (906) 779-2546 to report signings.