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March 14, 2008

DNR Project No. MC-0020

Mr. Ed Hammer, Executive Director  
Marathon County Planning Department  
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Subject: Wausau Urban Area 2025 Sewer Service Area Plan

Dear Mr. Hammer:

The Department has completed a review and hereby approves the subject plan update pursuant to ch. NR 121, Wis. Adm. Code. The Wausau Urban Area 2025 Sewer Service Area (SSA) Plan updates planning goals, objectives, and procedures, and expands the sewer service area by adding 12,823 acres, for a new total SSA of 53, 271 acres. Initially, approximately 29% of this area (15,271 acres) will be undeveloped. The SSA excludes wetlands, floodplain and steep slope areas that are considered "environmentally sensitive areas".

The plan update has been adopted by the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission.

The approval of this sewer service area amendment does not constitute approval of any other local, state, or federal permit that may be required for sewer construction or associated land development activities.

If you believe you have a right to challenge this decision made by the Department, you should know that Wisconsin statutes, administrative codes and case law establish time periods and requirements for reviewing Department decisions.

To seek judicial review of the Department's decision, sections 227.52 and 227.53, Stats., establish criteria for filing a petition for judicial review. Such a petition shall be filed with the appropriate circuit court and shall be served on the Department. The petition shall name the Department of Natural Resources as the respondent.

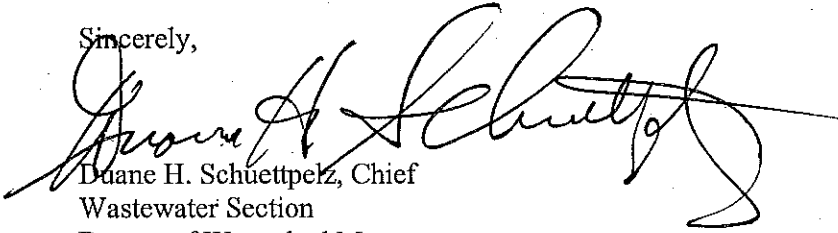
To request a contested case hearing pursuant to section 227.42, Stats., and ch. NR 2, Wis. Adm. Code, you have 30 days after the decision is mailed, or otherwise served by the Department, to serve a petition

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for hearing on the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources. The filing of a request for a contested case hearing is not a prerequisite for judicial review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Duane H. Schuettpelz". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Duane H. Schuettpelz, Chief  
Wastewater Section  
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