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SUBJECT: Amendment to the La Crosse Sewer Service Area
Water Quality Management Plan

Dear Mr. Faella:

We have completed our review of an amendment request submitted to the Department on October 17, 2006. The Department hereby approves the amendment that includes the connection of the City of La Crescent, Minnesota, to the City of La Crosse sewerage system. It is anticipated that the City of La Crescent would abandon their existing wastewater treatment facility and connect via a sewer forcemain crossing beneath the Mississippi River to an interceptor sewer in the City of La Crosse.

The proposed amendment was adopted by the La Crosse Area Sewer Committee (LASC) on October 11, 2006.

The Department review of this amendment included an assessment of the impacts of the proposal with regard to the La Crosse sewerage system and the La Crosse Sewer Service Area within Wisconsin. Because the City of La Crescent is in Minnesota and not subject to Wisconsin Administrative Rules, the service area associated with the City of La Crescent is not subject to review under the sewer service area planning procedures of ch. NR 121, Wis. Adm. Code. Any future expansion of service area in Minnesota does not need to be submitted to the WDNR for approval as a sewer service area amendment.

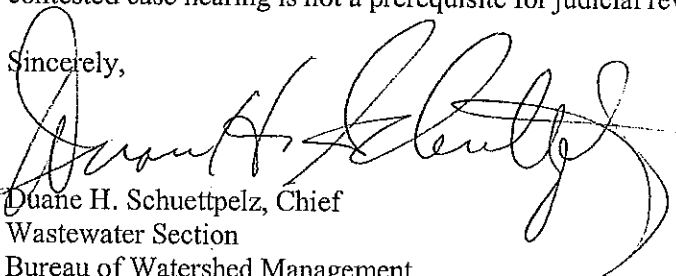
The approval of this sewer service area amendment does not constitute approval of any other local, state (Wisconsin or Minnesota), or federal permit that may be required for sewer construction or associated land development activities.

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 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,


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