



March 4, 2013

DNR File No. LO-0002

Tom Faella, Executive Director
La Crosse Area Planning Committee
La Crosse County Administrative Center
400 4th Street, Room 2300
La Crosse, WI 54601-3200

SUBJECT: La Crosse Sewer Service Area Water Quality Management Plan 2013-2035,
an amendment to the La Crosse Sewer Service Area Water Quality Management Plan 1999-2000

Dear Mr. Faella:

We have completed our review of the plan update submitted to the Department on February 4, 2013. The Department hereby approves the Plan Amendment which updates maps and technical data to reflect the current situation within the Sewer Service Area. This amendment serves as the Municipal Point Source Element of the Bad Axe-La Crosse River Basin Water Quality Management Plan and will be forwarded to the US Environmental Protection Agency to meet the requirements of the Clean Water Act of 1987 (Public Law 92-500 as amended by Public Law 95-217), and outlined in the federal regulations 40 CFR, Part 35. The highlights of the plan update include:

- The update reviewed improvements and changes at the La Crosse Municipal Wastewater Treatment Facility, including the current treatment process and operational information and a summary of its agreements and policies with the City of Onalaska, the City of La Crescent, the Town of Campbell and the Town of Shelby.
- Maps of Environmentally Sensitive Areas and Land Use Profiles were updated.
- Population and Household Projection were updated using Wisconsin Department of Administration growth rate projections.
- The Sewer Service Area boundary, Map 2-1, reflects the 2006 addition of the La Crescent, Minnesota service area.

The proposed amendment was approved by the La Crosse Area Sewer Committee (LASC) and the La Crosse Area Planning Committee on January 16, 2013.

The approval of this sewer service area plan update 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 that you have a right to challenge this decision, you should know that the Wisconsin statutes and administrative rules establish time periods within which requests to review Department decisions must be filed. For judicial review of a decision pursuant to sections 227.52 and 227.53, Wis. Stats., you have 30 days after the decision is mailed, or otherwise served by the Department, to file your petition with the appropriate circuit court and serve the petition on the Department. Such a petition for judicial review must name the Department of Natural Resources as the respondent.

To request a contested case hearing pursuant to section 227.42, Wis. Stats., 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. All requests for contested case hearings must be made in accordance with section NR 2.05(5), Wis. Adm. Code, and served on the Secretary in accordance with section NR 2.03, Wis. Adm. Code. The filing of a request for a contested case hearing does not extend the 30 day period for filing a petition for judicial review.

Sincerely,



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