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RE: Hemlock Falls Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2074  
Article 412  
Purple Loosestrife and Eurasian Water Milfoil Monitoring

Please find the enclosed results of monitoring for purple loosestrife and Eurasian water milfoil at the Hemlock Falls Project.

In addition to annual monitoring, Wisconsin Electric Power Company, doing business as We Energies, continues to post information on identifying and preventing the spread of purple loosestrife and Eurasian water milfoil on bulletin boards at recreation Area 21 and 12.

Please feel free to call me at (906) 779-2547, if you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

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**Report for 2004 on Monitoring  
For Purple Loosestrife  
And Eurasian Water Milfoil  
At the Hemlock Falls Project - FERC 2074**

The entire shoreline of the Hemlock Falls impoundment was visually surveyed by We Energies scientific staff (John Hrobar and Noel Cutright) in a boat. All waters and appropriate wetlands also were surveyed, including those areas of the impoundment supporting growth of submersed aquatic plants. The survey was conducted on July 29, 2004. No purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) plants or Eurasian water milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) were found.