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RE: Brule Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2431
Article 410
Purple Loosestrife and Eurasian Water Milfoil Monitoring

Please find the enclosed results of monitoring for Purple Loosestrife and Eurasian Water Milfoil at the Brule 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 Areas 23 and 28.

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

Sincerely,

William Rauscher

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**Report for 2004 on Monitoring
For Purple Loosestrife
And Eurasian Water Milfoil
At the Brule Project - FERC 2431**

The entire shoreline of the Brule Impoundment was visually surveyed by We Energies scientific staff (John Hrobar and Noel Cutright) in a boat. All waters and wetlands within the project boundary and the Brule River for 0.25 mile downstream of the Brule powerhouse were surveyed, including those areas of the impoundment supporting growth of submersed aquatic plants. The survey was conducted on July 27, 2004. No purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) plants or Eurasian water milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) were found.