ORIGINAL FILEP THE Wisconsin Public Service Corporation Public Service (e subsid ary of WPS Resources Corporation) 700 North Adams Street . 2004 OCT 27 A 10:42 P.O. Box 9002 Green Bay, WI 54307-9002 REGULATION P-2522-088 October 26, 2004 Ms. Magalie R. Salas, Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20426 **Dear Secretary Salas:** FERC Project No. 2525, No. 2595, No. 2546, No. 2560, No. 2581

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The results from the purple loosestrife and Eurasian water milfoil surveys, and the zebra mussel monitoring have also been sent to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and the Sea Grant Institute. Documentation of the submittal of these results can be found in Appendix D (appendixes not included). At the time of this letter, the agencies had not commented on the results.

WPSC sincerely apologizes for any inconvenience the original submittal error may have caused. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to call Jamie Nuthals at (920) 433-1460

Sincerely,

Terry P. Jensky Assistant Vice President – Energy Supply Operations Telephone: (920) 433-2277

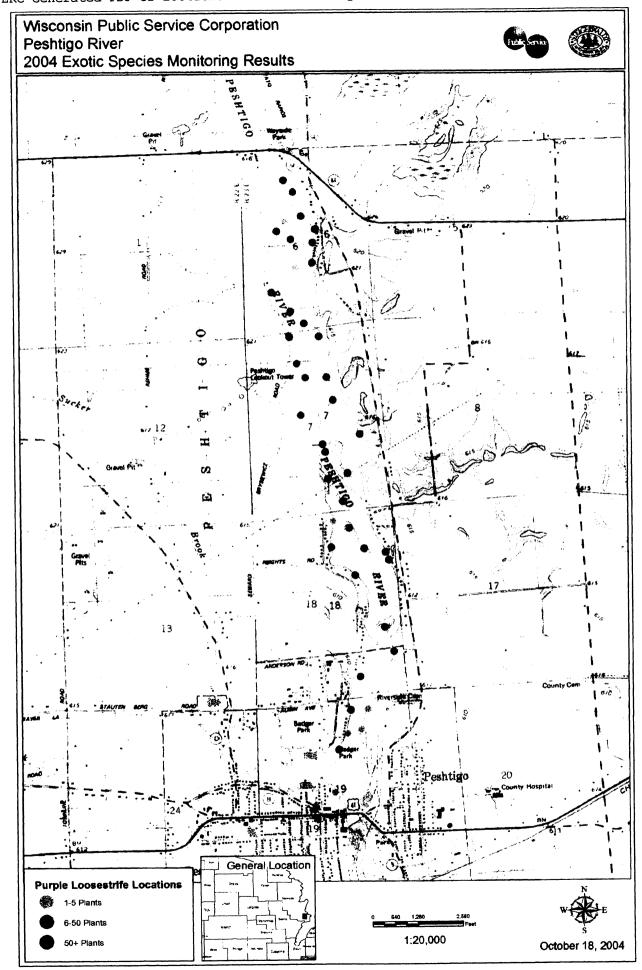
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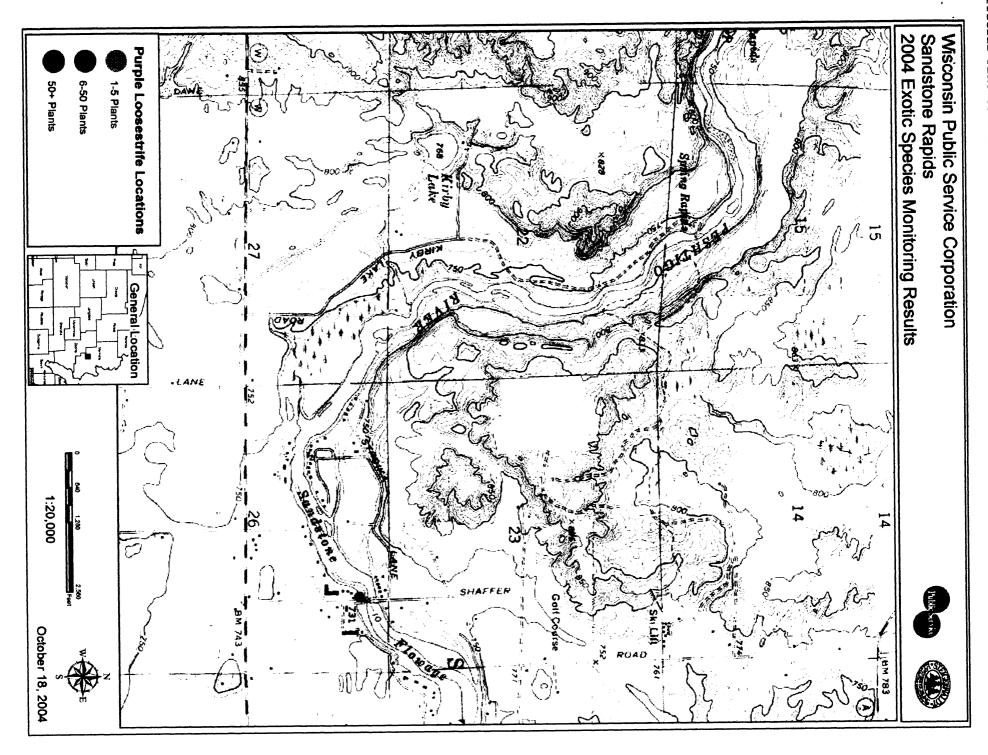
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Appendix A Purple Loosestrife Colonies

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# Appendix B Eurasian Water Milfoil Survey Results

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## <u>Appendix C</u> Zebra Mussel Inspection Results

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