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Gentlemen:

**White Rapids Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2357, 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 White Rapids Project.

In addition to annual monitoring, Wisconsin Electric continues to post information on identifying and preventing the spread of purple loosestrife and Eurasian water milfoil on bulletin boards at recreation Areas 1, 30 and 32.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W Rauscher', written in a cursive style.

William Rauscher, Manager
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Enclosure

**Report for 2001 on Monitoring
for Purple Loosestrife
and Eurasian Water Milfoil
at the White Rapids Project - FERC 2357**

The entire shoreline of the White Rapids impoundment was visually surveyed by Wisconsin Electric Power Company scientific staff (John Hrobar and Noel Cutright) in a boat. All waters and wetlands within the project boundary and the Menominee River for 0.25 mile downstream of the White Rapids powerhouse were surveyed, including those areas of the impoundment supporting growth of submersed aquatic plants. The survey was conducted on July 25, 2001. NO purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) plants or Eurasian water milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) were found.