



September 30, 2019

Mr. Dave Mack
Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning Department
210 River Drive
Wausau WI 54403

Subject: Approval of the Wausau Urban Area 2040 Sewer Service Area Plan – DNR No. MC-0028

Dear Mr. Mack:

We have completed our review of the *Wausau 2040 Sewer Service Area Plan*. This plan provides direction for sewer development for the city and surrounding areas for the coming years and contains provisions through the designation of environmentally sensitive areas to protect critical resources in the planning area so that water quality is protected. Please note that as your plan is implemented, the City of Wausau should ensure that surface water and groundwater quality is protected during and after development through construction site erosion control and stormwater control measures. The final version of the plan, which updates and supersedes the *Wausau Urban Area 2025 Sewer Service Area Plan*, was received by the Department of Natural Resources on February 14, 2019. The 2040 sewer service planning area consists of 53,305 acres. We hereby approve of this plan.

Statewide AWQM Plan Amendment

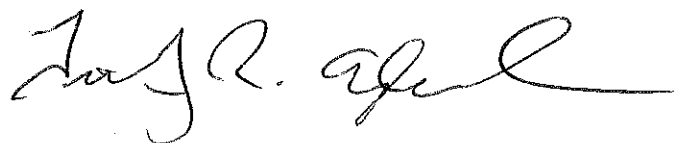
This amendment is a formal update to the state's *Areawide Water Quality Management Plan* and will be sent to the US Environmental Protection Agency to meet the requirements of the Clean Water Act of 1987 (Public Law 92-500 as amended by Public Law 95-217) and outlined in the federal regulations 40 CFR part 25. This review is an integrated analysis action under s. NR 150.20 (2) (a) 3, Wis. Adm. Code. By means of this review, the Department has complied with Ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code, and with s. 1.11, Stats. The approval of this sewer service area plan does not constitute approval of any other required local, state, or federal permit for sewer construction or associated land development activities.

Appeal Rights:

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., a party has 30 days after the decision is mailed, or otherwise served by the Department, to file a 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., a party has 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy R. Asplund". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Timothy R. Asplund
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