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Ms. Tinka Hyde, Director
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Subject: State of Wisconsin 2014 Integrated Report Submittal

Dear Ms. Hyde:

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has recently submitted several pieces of information in fulfillment of federal reporting requirements under Sections 303(d) and 305(b) of the Clean Water Act. This letter confirms that the following previously submitted items constitute Wisconsin's official submittal of its 2014 Integrated Report (IR), including the 2014 Section 303(d) list and supporting documentation for your review and approval:

- Wisconsin's 2014 impaired waters list and supporting documentation submitted via email on April 1, 2014 (and subsequently sent via postal mail on a compact disk), including:
 - Attachment A – Spreadsheet containing Wisconsin's Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waters,
 - Attachment B - Supporting 303(d)-listing documentation,
 - Attachment C - Waters where a phosphorus-related assessment decision could not be made,
 - Attachment D - Response to comments summary document, and
 - Attachment E - Wisconsin's 2014 Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology.
- Electronic submittal of the 2014 IR dataset to the Water Quality Exchange (WQX) on April 8, 2014.
- Posting of electronic version of the 2014 Integrated Report of Water Quality on April 25, 2014 on our website (<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/SurfaceWater/IR2014.html>).

With these submissions, WDNR considers the Sections 303(d) and 305(b) reporting elements to be fully integrated. The assessment data submitted via the WQX includes a 5-part categorization of all waters evaluated for the 2014 assessment cycle. This dataset includes all impaired waters in a subcategory of Categories 4 or 5, depending on the Total Maximum Daily Load development status. While WDNR submitted its Section 303(d) List of impaired waters separately from the more encompassing 305(b) dataset, the 303(d) List and 305(b) assessment report datasets are fully integrated in our internal database and in our WQX submittal to EPA.

We would like to thank USEPA's Region 5 staff for your continued support and collaboration with WDNR in developing our Integrated Report and 303(d) list. If you have any questions or concerns after reviewing this information, please feel free to contact Brian Weigel (608.266.9277) or Aaron Larson (608.264.6129) of my staff.

Sincerely,

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