



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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March 27, 2017

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:
SR-6J

Mr. Eric Ealy
Environmental Analyst
Xcel Energy
414 Nicollet Mall, MP-04
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RE: EPA approval of the Final Design for Phase 2 Wet Dredge
Ashland/NSP Lakefront Superfund Site

Dear Mr. Ealy:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in consultation with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), reviewed the *Final Design for the Phase 2 Wet Dredge* sent by Foth/Envirocon Joint Venture (FE-JV) on March 24, 2017, on behalf of Northern States Power Company (NSPW). The agencies additional comments were adequately addressed; however, the agencies would like the language in one footnote (footnote 5, page 57) changed to the language below and any associated statements regarding air emissions from the stacks. EPA grants approval of the final design.

“Since calculated emissions from the sediment processing tent are below applicable NR 445 thresholds using emissions calculated based on potential to emit (PTE), NR 445 has been an ARAR considered for the sediment removal and processing activities, consistent with Appendix C of the ROD. However, due to the low PTE values, a permit equivalency is not required at this time. If during the operation and monitoring of the sediment processing emissions, it is determined that the emissions calculations underestimated the PTE and NR 445 standards are attained or exceeded, a NR 445 Permit Equivalency will be issued for the stack emissions of the sediment processing tent.”

Please send copies of the final design to EPA and WDNR. If you have any questions or would like to discuss things further, please contact me at 312-886-1999.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott K. Hansen".

Scott K. Hansen
Remedial Project Manager

cc: Jamie Dunn, WDNR
Adam Brown, Weston Solutions
Denis Roznowski, Foth
Jim Burton, Weston Solutions