



January 25, 2021

Alice Gilman, Village Clerk  
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 222 S. Mound Ave  
 Belmont, WI 53510

Subject: Belmont WWTF - WPDES Permit WI- 0020419-10-1  
 Water Quality Trading Plan – CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

Dear Alice Gilman:

The Department recently received a water quality trading plan (WQT Plan) for compliance with phosphorus effluent limits at the Belmont WWTF. The initial plan was received in January 2020 and updated versions were received in September of 2020 and December of 2020. Based on WDNR review, the final WQT Plan (dated December 2020) is in general conformance with the WDNR Water Quality Trading Guidance and Section 283.84 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The WQT plan proposes installation of streambank stabilization. The timeline for practice installation, as set forth in the WQT plan, indicates practices will be installed by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Credits generated from approved practices result in available credit quantities shown in Table 1. These credits will be incorporated into the reissued WPDES permit and will be used to demonstrate compliance with final phosphorus effluent limits beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

Table 1: Total Phosphorus Credits Available per WQT-2021-0001

Year	Available Credits (lbs/yr) – Total
2021	988.8
2022	1318.5
2023	1318.5
2024	1318.5
2025	1318.5
2026	1318.5

The Department conditionally approves the WQT Plan as a basis for water quality trading during the next WPDES permit term. This approval is not to be construed as an approval for any activities requiring a permit under ch. 30 or 31, Wis. Stats. The Department has assigned the WQT plan a tracking number of WQT-2021-0001 and will be referenced as such in the draft WPDES permit. The final WQT plan will be included as part of the public notice package for permit reissuance. The draft WPDES permit will include a requirement for an annual trading report and effluent monitoring for total phosphorus.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 608-535-0368 or at [sean.spencer@wisconsin.gov](mailto:sean.spencer@wisconsin.gov)

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Spencer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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