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Re: Evaluation of Waukesha Return Flow Options

Dear Mr. Shafer:

Thank you for your May 7th, 2012 letter. I appreciate your concern that any final analysis for a connection to the MMSD system would have to be done at a level of detail that meets the requirements of Wisconsin statutes and the associated administrative codes. I agree with that position. However, in this instance, we are still at a more generalized screening level of analysis. We're interested in determining which of those options warrants significant investment of time and effort to complete a detailed cost-effectiveness analysis. A similar approach was used in the initial phases of the MMSD 2020 facility plan.

Waukesha has identified several wastewater return flow options already that have been assessed at a generalized level of detail. Prior to proceeding with design of any of these options, as you have suggested, a detailed cost-effectiveness analysis, or facility plan, would have to be completed. For further clarification, it is our position that the screening analysis alone does not constitute acceptance, endorsement or approval of this option by any of the involved parties. Instead, we hope to determine whether or not there are adequate technical, environmental and economic reasons to justify the more detailed look; or conversely, to rule out the need for a more detailed evaluation. We would like MMSD to participate in this screening level analysis with Waukesha and the Department to make this determination. Clearly none of the parties wishes to invest time and money in an analysis of an option which may be too costly, not technically sound, or not implementable in a timely manner. Should the screening analysis lead us to conclude this connection option should be pursued; we would seek to reconvene the parties to discuss a variety of issues such as the roles of the parties, funding, scheduling, and the review and approval processes.

The DNR will gladly make any technical memos available to MMSD upon request. Also, all Waukesha diversion application materials are available at the DNR's web page at:
<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wateruse/WaukeshaDiversionApp.html>

We are available to discuss any of these issues or the application materials at your convenience. Thank you for your interest in discussing these issues.

Sincerely,



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