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Re: DNR Review of Waukesha Wastewater Return Flow Options

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I thank you for your letter of April 25, 2012, which outlines some of the outstanding questions that the DNR has in processing Waukesha's diversion application of Lake Michigan water. We appreciate your interest in including MMSD in this dialogue.

Your request for information needed to evaluate a return flow option through the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) facilities is very comprehensive. In looking at these questions, I will reiterate what I said at our meeting on April 19, which is that MMSD believes that the only proper way to answer these concerns is for Waukesha to perform a facilities plan level analysis, in accord with Wisconsin Statute Sec. 281.41 and applicable DNR regulations. This type of analysis will provide a complete picture of what the impacts might be of Waukesha abandoning its wastewater treatment plant and adding substantial additional flows to the MMSD system. Wis. Stat. sec. 281.346 requires a DNR finding that all returned wastewater will be treated to meet applicable discharge permit requirements. As you know, MMSD has recently completed its comprehensive 2020 facilities planning effort which did not address these possible increases in flow to the MMSD system and, therefore, did not answer this question. These questions are too important to attempt to answer in a quick three week analysis summarized in a technical memo. As a preliminary matter, MMSD requests that the technical memo be provided with the Waukesha diversion application (and any supplemental information that is relevant) so that we can understand the basic facts of the request. Please forward this information to Tim Bate ([tbate@mmsd.com](mailto:tbate@mmsd.com)), who is the MMSD Director of Planning, Research, and Sustainability.

Again, thank you for initiating this dialogue. We are very committed to assisting the DNR in gathering the information it needs to evaluate this request and look forward to working with you in the future.

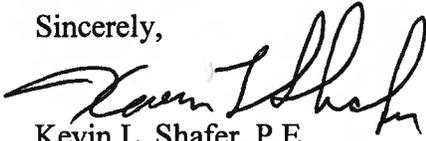
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