



September 27, 2013

Representative Fred Clark
Room 122 North
State Capitol
P.O. Box 8952
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Dear Representative Clark:

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A decade-long property cleanup effort is winding down and a master planning effort is underway. The Department of Natural Resources has placed a high priority on openness and transparency during the cleanup and pledges to continue to do so during the master planning process.

Throughout the cleanup phases of the project the department has hosted public open houses to share progress and answer questions. We've attended meetings of the Badger Oversight Management Commission and the Restoration Advisory Board, numerous county and town board meetings and scheduled monthly teleconferences between Badger cleanup project managers and Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger, providing regular opportunities for direct question and answer of cleanup related questions.

To date, the department has gone beyond standard public involvement requirements in the master planning process, recognizing the keen interest of region and area residents in the eventual development of this property as the state's newest state recreation area. The department has done so by adding additional intermediate steps to the planning process, creating additional public comment opportunities, publishing public comments verbatim in their entirety, and holding additional public open houses. Citizens will have several more opportunities to provide input as the master planning process moves along.

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We also organized two opportunities for the public to tour the grounds through self-guided automobile tours.

You and Senator Erpenbach have submitted a list of questions addressing many aspects of the cleanup and the master planning effort. We view this as yet another opportunity to share factual information on our work at SPRA. We are including our responses to your questions with this letter. Please contact me if you have additional questions.

Regards,

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