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RE: City of Racine water diversion application

I am writing to request specific state of Wisconsin water policies regarding the City of Racine's water diversion application as it applies to the Foxconn project – for the purpose of protecting Lake Michigan water and continuing to comply with the Great Lakes Compact.

1. I understand that diverting Racine water to Foxconn – Foxconn actually straddles the Lake Michigan drainage basin and the Mississippi River basin – does not comply with the Great Lakes Compact. The formal agreement between the Great Lakes states, 2 Canadian provinces and the St. Lawrence Seaway was setup for the protection and benefit of our natural water resources and Lake Michigan. Granting an exception to Foxconn and allowing Lake Michigan water use by Foxconn sets a dangerous precedence, and opposes the purpose of the Compact.
2. Wisconsin Stats 281.346 (4)(c) states that to be approved for a straddling community diversion application, Racine must demonstrate that Racine Water Utility, as a public water supply system, will only divert water for public water supply purposes. I do not understand how the Foxconn project is a 'public water supply purpose'. This is an important point, and must be explained to the public.
3. Under state law, water must be treated before it is pumped back into the lakes. Clear, enforceable and stringent treatment standards (to remove all process chemicals/contaminants) must be set and agreed to by the City of Racine and Foxconn prior to any further DNR review process. I have concerns about the chemicals and contaminants used by Foxconn both today and potentially differing chemicals in the future – and want to be sure that the chemicals and contaminants do not find their way into Lake Michigan waters or ground waters. New treatment and water protective policies will need to be drawn up to address the future since technologies and chemicals will certainly change going forward.
4. Our water is precious, and I feel this project is not demonstrating how it will support and promote the clean, safe waters of Lake Michigan.

In general, I oppose Racine's water diversion application, and hope continued investigation and public opinion like mine reveals how harmful it could be to approve the application.

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