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On Wednesday, March 7, the hearing held by the Wisconsin DNR regarding the Racine Water Diversion application for Foxconn.

The meeting was well organized and all those who testified were prepared and made extremely thoughtful comments while all attendees were attentive and respectful.

After hearing both pros and cons for the water diversion, we have several serious concerns. First, the DNR is considering this application with NO disclosure from Foxconn on what chemicals and elements are going to be used in production and potentially end up in the water. Many of the elements used in Foxconn production in their China plants emit foul smelling air pollution and are proven carcinogens.

Comments were made to the effect that water treatment managers will be careful to be sure the water is sufficiently purified before being returned to the lake. However, other experts testified that not all of these chemicals can be completely removed from the water and pose a threat to water quality because of the cumulative effect of adding millions of gallons of tainted water over time thus raising these chemicals to toxic levels in the lake.

We felt the DNR has not done due diligence in examining the entire range of the possible impacts of this water diversion. We cannot take for granted that our leaders have all the facts and are keeping the best interest of the public in the forefront. The lack of knowledge shown by the DNR representatives made us concerned about not only Lake Michigan protection but also potential dangers Foxconn may present to air quality and ground water in Mt. Pleasant and the surrounding communities.

Another vital concern is the fact that approving a water diversion for Foxconn will violate the Great Lakes Compact which strictly provides that water diversions from the Great Lakes only be allowed for public use. Foxconn is asking for millions of gallons for Private use and will be using far more dangerous substances than residential use would ever put into water.

Overriding key factors in the Great Lakes Compact would set a very dangerous precedent for the Great Lakes basin ultimately endangering our greatest resource.

The time allowed for comment and research into the effects of such a diversion is not sufficient to consider all the ramifications. (March 21) Foxconn needs to disclose specifics so we know exactly what we are dealing with and what the environmental impact will be for the health and safety of all concerned. The impact could be very far reaching.

Based on what we know at this time, we say NO to this agreement. What we don’t know can hurt us and can cause long term damage to the fresh water resource we, and millions of others, depend on for life.

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