I. Scope and Applicability

Partners in the Karner blue Butterfly (Kbb) Habitat Conservation Plan may be required to respond to emergency situations in areas of that are known to be occupied by Kbb or areas where the presence of Kbb is unknown.

This guideline applies only to emergency situations with the High Potential Range for the Kbb in Wisconsin.

II. General Recommendations/Requirements

a. In an emergency situation, repairs to infrastructure and safety of the public and work crews will take precedence.

b. Avoid lupine areas within the High Potential Range that are known to be occupied by Kbb or areas where the presence of Kbb is unknown, to the extent that these areas are known during an emergency response or identified to the greatest extent practicable.

c. Permanent take of Kbb occupied habitat resulting from emergency response will be recorded on the annual report for the year in which the emergency response situation occurred.

III. Specific Activities

a. Incidental take of Kbb due to emergency response is authorized by the Incidental Take Permit. If the emergency response results in take that is not permanent, no further action is required.

b. If emergency situation results in extreme damage to or complete removal of Kbb occupied habitat the partner will replace the habitat within 5 years (refer to the Restoration Protocol).

c. If emergency situation results in permanent take of occupied Kbb habitat consult with the DNR’s HCP Coordinator.

IV. Reference Documents