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**RE: WHITE RAPIDS HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT, FERC NO. 2357  
ARTICLE 410  
PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE AND EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL MONITORING**

Please find the enclosed results of monitoring for Purple Loosestrife and Eurasian Water Milfoil at the White Rapids Project.

In addition to annual monitoring, Wisconsin Electric continues to post information on identifying and preventing the spread of Purple Loosestrife and Eurasian Water Milfoil on bulletin boards at Recreation Areas 1, 30 and 32.

Please feel free to call me at (906) 779-2547 if you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

**Report for 2000 on Monitoring  
for Purple Loosestrife  
and Eurasian Water Milfoil  
at the White Rapids Project - FERC 2357**

The entire shoreline of the White Rapids impoundment was visually surveyed by Wisconsin Electric Power Company scientific staff (John Hrobar and Noel Cutright) in a boat. All waters and wetlands within the project boundary and the Menominee River for 0.25 mile downstream of the White Rapids powerhouse were surveyed, including those areas of the impoundment supporting growth of submersed aquatic plants. The survey was conducted on August 3, 2000. NO purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) plants or Eurasian water milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) were found.

The two small stands of Eurasian water milfoil noted in 1998 were not present this year. In general, growth of aquatic macrophytes was greater than in 1999 but was similar to years prior to 1999.