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Ms. Tinka Hyde, Director, Water Division
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Subject: Certification Statement for Approval of a Variance to Water Quality Standards
Village of Turtle Lake, WI-0025631-10-1

Dear Ms. Hyde:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has made a final decision under Wis. Stat. s. 283.15 (4) to approve a variance to the water quality standard for chloride at the above-named facility. This decision is subject to judicial review pursuant to Wis. Stat. ss. 283.15(4)(d) and 227.52. Although the Department has issued a final decision on the chloride variance, including the permit terms and conditions of the variance, the Department recognizes that the chloride variance and related permit conditions may not be included in the final modified WPDES permit until EPA has approved the variance.

Pursuant to §§ 40 CFR Part 131.21 and 131.6, the Department must submit a certification statement to EPA for each variance approved in the state. The statement must certify that the variance to a water quality standard was approved in accordance with state law.

Accordingly, I hereby certify that the chloride variance for the Village of Turtle Lake was reviewed and approved by Department staff in accordance with procedures in subchapter VII of chapter NR 106, Wis. Adm. Code. The application for this variance was submitted on July 29, 2014 and the Department public noticed its intent to modify the permit and grant the chloride variance on March 5, 2015 in accordance with Wis. Stats. §§ 283.15(3) and 283.39.

If you have any questions regarding the variance approval, please contact Sheri Snowbank at 715-635-4131.

Sincerely,

Robin Schuffler for

Timothy A. Andryk
Chief Legal Counsel

DATED IN MADISON: May 11, 2015.