

**NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION AND PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE WATER QUALITY STANDARD FOR PHOSPHORUS AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

NOTICE under section 283.16(2)(c), Wis. Stats., is hereby given that the Wisconsin Department of Administration (“Department”), in consultation with the Department of Natural Resources, has made a preliminary determination that attaining the water quality standard for phosphorus, adopted under s. 281.15, through compliance with water quality based effluent limitations by point sources that cannot achieve compliance without major facility upgrades is not feasible because it would cause substantial and widespread adverse social and economic impacts.

In the preliminary determination, the Department of Administration recommends the Department of Natural Resources move forward in seeking approval of a multi-discharger variance for phosphorus from the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

The preliminary determination is supported by an economic impact analysis and statewide economic impacts report conducted with consulting firms ARCADIS, Sycamore Advisors, and the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute. A copy of the full preliminary determination and economic impact analysis is available on the Department’s web site at <http://doa.wi.gov/Divisions/Intergovernmental-Relations/Phosphorus/>

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a public informational hearing will be held concerning the preliminary determination commencing at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, May 12th, 2015 at the Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, 1100 Imperial Avenue, Rothschild, WI 54474. This hearing, with scheduled breaks, will conclude at 6:00 pm.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

Pursuant to ss. 283.16(2)(c) and (d), Wis. Stats., the public is invited to submit written comments concerning the preliminary determination. Written and oral comments will be accepted at the public hearing. Written comments may also be submitted within 30 days from the date of the public hearing or by June 11, 2015. Written comments should be sent to: Attn: Phosphorus, Division of Intergovernmental Relations, Wisconsin Department of Administration, P.O. Box 8944, Madison, WI 53708-8944 or by e-mail to: [phosphorus@wisconsin.gov](mailto:phosphorus@wisconsin.gov).

All comments received by the Department during the public comment period will be considered prior to making a final decision regarding the determination. After the public hearing and the public comment deadline, a final determination will be made on whether the Department of Natural Resources should seek approval under 40 CFR Part 131 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for a multi-discharger variance for phosphorus under s. 283.16(em), Wis. Stats. The Department on its own initiative and in the public interest may seek additional information reasonably necessary for its determination.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin – May 5, 2015

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
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