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Subject: DNR's Strategic Realignment – Waterfront Redevelopment

Dear Messrs. Misky and Thimke, on behalf of the Wisconsin Brownfields Study Group:

I would like to thank the Brownfields Study Group for its continuing interest in and support of the Department's efforts to clean up contaminated properties in Wisconsin. We are appreciative of the Brownfields Study Group's recent recommendations to the Department on how to improve the services we provide to make waterfront redevelopment more transparent and cost-effective. The Department understands that a key aspect of the state's future economic growth is tied to revitalizing the properties along our waterfronts, including the waterways themselves.

As you mention in your letter of September 10, the Department is undertaking a careful analysis of our work activities, commitments, and structure to assure that we are best suited to meet our Department mission and programmatic obligations as efficiently and effectively as possible. We are early in the process and are undertaking a workload analysis. I have passed your recommendations and comments on to Patrick Stevens, Administrator of the Environmental Management Division. Your comments will be carefully considered by the Division as part of the strategic realignment process. Further, in early 2016, the public will have an opportunity to provide input on the Department's proposed strategic realignment.

In closing, I would like to congratulate the Brownfields Study Group on its award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region V, recognizing the many years of your commitment to improving the state's cleanup and redevelopment initiatives. Thank you again for your comments.

Sincerely,

  
Cathy Stepp, Secretary

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