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Subject: Monroe WWTF - WPDES Permit WI- 0020362
Water Quality Trading Plan – CREDIT CERTIFICATION

Dear Philip Rath:

The Department recently received a water quality trading plan (WQT Plan) for compliance with phosphorus effluent limits at the Monroe Wastewater Treatment Facility. The initial plan was received in July of 2020 and updated versions were received in November of 2021 and March of 2022. Based on WDNR review, the final WQT Plan (dated April 2022) is in general conformance with the WDNR Water Quality Trading Guidance and Section 283.84 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The WQT plan proposes installation of streambank stabilization, cover crop practices on agricultural lands, and stormwater pond installation. The timeline for practice installation, as set forth in the WQT plan, indicates practices will be installed by June 30th, 2022. Credits generated from approved practices result in available credit quantities shown in Table 1. These credits will be incorporated into the reissued WPDES permit and will be used to demonstrate compliance with final phosphorus effluent limits beginning July 1st, 2022.

Table 1: Total Phosphorus Credits Available per WQT-2022-0005

Year	Available Credits (lbs/yr) – Total
2022	84.01
2023	168.02
2024	168.02
2025	168.02
2026	168.02
2027	168.02

The Department conditionally certifies the credits in the WQT Plan as a basis for water quality trading during the next WPDES permit term. This approval is not to be construed as an approval for any activities requiring a permit under ch. 30 or 31, Wis. Stats. The Department has assigned the WQT plan a tracking number of WQT-2022-0005 and will be referenced as such in the draft WPDES permit. The final WQT plan will be included as part of the public notice package for permit reissuance. The draft WPDES permit will include a requirement for an annual trading report and effluent monitoring for total phosphorus.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 608-535-0368 or at sean.spencer@wisconsn.gov

Thank You,

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