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Subject: Phillips Plating Corporation - WPDES Permit WI- 0041149-08
Water Quality Trading Plan – CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

Dear Darin Baratka:

The Department recently received a water quality trading plan (WQT Plan) for compliance with phosphorus effluent limits at the Phillips Plating Corporation. The initial plan was received in January of 2020 and updated versions were received in August of 2020, November of 2020, December 2021, and February 2022. Based on WDNR review, the final WQT Plan (dated February 2022) is in general conformance with the WDNR Water Quality Trading Guidance and Section 283.84 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

The WQT plan proposes conversion from dairy production cropping practices to permanent perennial vegetation. Four separate trade agreements were a part of this WQT plan. While some practices may already be established (as noted on completed practice registration forms) all practices must be in place prior to October 1st, 2023, at the start of permit reissuance. 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 October 1st, 2023.

Table 1: Total Phosphorus Credits Available per WQT-2022-0004

Year	Available Credits (lbs/yr) – Total
2023	244.8
2024	244.8
2025	244.8
2026	244.8
2027	244.8
2028	244.8

The Department conditionally approves 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-2022-0004 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 715-495-1336 or at monica.begley@wisconsn.gov

Thank You,

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