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Todd Fischer
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Subject: Richland Center Wastewater Treatment Facility - WPDES Permit WI- 0020109
Water Quality Trading Plan – CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

Dear Todd Fischer:

The Department recently received a water quality trading plan (WQT Plan) for compliance with phosphorus effluent limits at the Richland Center Wastewater Treatment Facility. The initial plan was received in January of 2024 and updated versions were received in April and October of 2024. Based on WDNR review, the final WQT Plan (dated October 2024) is in general conformance with the WDNR Water Quality Trading Guidance and Section 283.84 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The WQT plan proposes to utilize streambank stabilization along the Pine River. The timeline for practice installation, as set forth in the WQT plan, indicates practices were installed in the fall of 2018. 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 upon permit reissuance.

Table 1: Total Phosphorus Credits Available per WQT-2024-0027

Year	Available Credits (lbs/yr) – Total
2025	738
2026	738
2027	738
2028	738
2029	738
2030	738

The Department conditionally approves the WQT Plan as a basis for water quality trading during the next WPDES permit term. The Department has assigned the WQT plan a tracking number of WQT-2024-0027 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 608-419-4155 or at betsyjo.howe@wisconsin.gov.

Thank You,

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