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To:	DNR Racine Diversion Comments
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To whom it may concern,

I have read through the proposal for Racine to supply water to Fox Conn and while the numbers make it look like there is not a significant impact on Lake Michigan in terms of withdrawal rates I do have some questions which require further investigation by the DNR. I do not recommend permitting until these questions are answered:

1. What contaminants will the Fox Conn process put into the water and does the Racine wastewater treatment plant have the capacity to completely remove these contaminants from the water? I have read that the plant may release mercury or other toxins. Those need to remain onsite, not be returned to the treatment plant or water system. Heavy metals are of great concern. WI and the Great Lakes system have been struggling with mercury in fish and other contaminants in the food chain for decades. This program should not and cannot be permitted to add more of these bioaccumulating substances into the mix.

2. The overall amount of water extracted for the project is within the legally permitted quantity for Racine, however, a significant percentage of that water will not be returned to the Great Lakes system because it will be lost to evaporation. This will further lower the level of the Great Lakes, which are already under stress.

3. FoxConn is not a public entity. I do not understand the emphasis on the documents placed on this being ok because it is a public water system already in existence. Fox Conn is private and using a huge amount of water for private gain.

Thank you

Sara