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Daniel Meyer, Secretary  
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
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Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7921

Dear Mr. Meyer:

Thank you for your June 14, 2018 letter concerning Wisconsin's regulatory revisions to its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program.

After evaluating the submitted revisions, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has determined that Wisconsin's rules revisions, as they relate to the issues identified in EPA's July 11, 2011 legal authority review letter, now conform to the applicable federal NPDES regulations. EPA is hereby approving these minor revisions to Wisconsin's program consistent with 40 C.F.R. § 123.62(b)(3). Accordingly, the following issues are now resolved: 7, 11, 13, 14, 15, 20, 29, 44, 46, and 61.

In addition to the rule changes described above, we note that Wisconsin's program modifications related to resolving Issues 23 and 26 were approved in a December 29, 2016, letter from the Acting EPA Region 5 Administrator to your predecessor. In keeping with that letter, the State's issuance of general permit WI-S066796-1 completed the actions necessary to address Issues 23 and 26, which are resolved.

Documents related to EPA's review and resolution of these Issues can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/wi/npdes-petition-program-withdrawal-wisconsin-0>. We appreciate the ongoing and dedicated effort of your staff to work toward the timely resolution of these and the remaining Issues.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (312) 886-3000 or your staff may contact Candice Bauer at (312) 353-2106.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Payne".

James Payne  
Acting Deputy Regional Administrator