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Via Certified Mail and Electronic Mail

Re: Petition for Corrective Action or Dedelegation of Wisconsin's
Authority to Administer the NPDES Permitting Program

Ms. McCarthy and Ms. Hedman:

Enclosed please find a citizen petition for relief pursuant to 33 U.S.C. § 1342(c)(3), requesting that the EPA the withdraw the authority of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to administer the state-delegated National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program if the DNR does not promptly correct permitting program deficiencies as outlined in the Petition. **Petitioners request an initial written response from the EPA within 30 days of this submission.** As Petitioners' representative, Midwest Environmental Advocates looks forward to collaborating with EPA to initiate meetings and other necessary, prompt responsive efforts.

Petitioners are Wisconsin residents who face consistent and growing endangerment to our state's water resources, despite an expectation that the DNR will act in the name of the public trust to protect the waters of our state. Petitioners share a personal commitment to Wisconsin's waters and explain within the enclosed document how particular Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System deficiencies impact their ability to fish, swim, recreate, and otherwise utilize our state's treasured waters.

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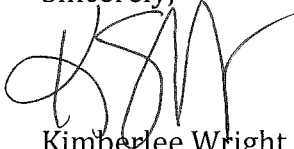
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Finally, please note that a hard copy of the Petition with attachments on compact disc will follow via certified mail. We will direct the CD to the attention of Ms. Hyde.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kimberlee Wright', written over a horizontal line.

Kimberlee Wright
Executive Director

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cc: Tinka Hyde, Director, Water Division, EPA Region 5 (via Electronic Mail and U.S. Postal Mail, including CD with attachments)

Preston Cole, Chair, Wisconsin Natural Resources Board (via Electronic Mail and U.S. Postal Mail, including CD with attachments)

Cathy Stepp, Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (via U.S. Postal Mail)