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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a comment regarding the draft EIS for the repair of Estabrook Dam in Milwaukee County.

My recollection of NR 150 is that a public hearing is not required. However, it would appear that one is to be held. However the notice for this hearing are conflicting. The notice that appears at http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/EIA/estabrook.html says the hearing begins at 6 PM. However, that website then provides a "hearing notice" link to another DNR website, http://dnr.wi.gov/Calendar/Hearings/?id=4068 . That website says the hearing begins at 5:30 PM. There is also a notice published in *The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* on March 8, 2016. That notice states a time of 6 PM.

Now, if the hearing is not a statutory requirement, then I suppose that notice of such hearing is also not a statutory requirement. However, the fact that you seem to be having a hearing would seem to indicate that you are still interested in public involvement in this process or at least in giving the impression that you are interested. The fact of the matter is that this process has been going on for 8 years now and that DNR and Milwaukee County officials and employees have deliberately excluded input from stakeholders in the neighborhoods immediately adjacent to the Estabrook Dam Impoundment and Lincoln Park. Past notices of public hearings were not sent to predominantly minority areas in the vicinity of Lincoln Park but were sent to all white neighborhoods nowhere near the impoundment. The concerns and facts presented by stakeholder organization Milwaukee River Preservation Association have been systematically ignored and downplayed throughout the process. The evidence is undeniable that DNR and Milwaukee County employees and officials worked in complete ignorance of the extensive changes to NR 150 that were effective April 1, 2014 until sometime in 2016. Even then, as the DNR Estabrook website implies, they still do not seem to understand the law. But when they were and are advised by DNR employees claiming to know the law it is understandable that some of us believe that there is a vast conspiracy within Milwaukee County government and the DNR intent on removing the Estabrook Dam in utter disregard for the law and the will of the people as expressed by the official Milwaukee County policy of repairing the dam as determined by representative democracy.

Speaking of those intent on removing the dam and exerting undue influence while working in concert with rogue DNR and Milwaukee County employees, the draft EIS contains an incorrect date regarding the nuisance lawsuit filed by an extremist organization that receives a significant portion of its funding from the DNR. That lawsuit was filed in 2011.