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Kristina Betzhold /WI Department of Natural Resources
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Dear Ms. Betzhold and the Estabrook Review Team,

I am stating my opposition to reconstruction of the Estabrook dam in Glendale. The past has taught us to be skeptical of river modifications, especially dams. Some of the state's top river ecologists have argued against rebuilding this dam. Dam reconstruction will lead to system instability, greater flooding, loss of wildlife diversity, and accumulation of sediment within the basin. Climate change is leading to much greater storm intensity and flood events. Rainfall intensity is predicted to increase dramatically within the upcoming decades. A dam built today must be designed for tomorrow and tomorrow is a wild card.

Milwaukee County has stumbled down the wrong path and it's not too late to call them on their mistake. This dam will be difficult to manage as climate issues drive the hydrological reality in coming ecades. Every possible action needs to be considered to delay, slow or stop this project.

My family resides within the west branch of the Milwaukee River watershed near Campbellsport. The village of Campbellsport recently removed their dam, leading to huge positives for the water and aquatic health of the river. It is dismaying that many of the water quality benefits of our community's' stewardship north of Milwaukee will be met in Glendale with a kick to the head.

Thank you for reviewing my comments. My background as a water resources specialist (DNR) should help to qualify these comments. It has been my pleasure to serve our state's water resources for nearly 40 years. Although I am a Fond du Lac county resident, I, and many others outside of the Glendale community do have an investment in the Milwaukee River system. Now, it appears, is possibly the last chance we, and they, have the opportunity to do the right thing and stop this hydrologic wreck of a misguided project.

Sincerely,

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