



April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Brian Wilson, Village Administrator  
 PO Box 79, 24 W. Main Street  
 Belleville, WI 53508

Subject: Belleville WWTF - WPDES Permit WI- 0023361-10  
 Water Quality Trading Plan – CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

Dear Brian Wilson:

The Department recently received a water quality trading plan (WQT Plan) for compliance with phosphorus effluent limits at the Belleville WWTF. The initial plan was received in December of 2019. Based on WDNR review, the final WQT Plan (dated December 2020) is in general conformance with the WDNR Water Quality Trading Guidance and Section 283.84 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The WQT plan proposes installation of barnyard practices, streambank stabilization, and cover crop practices on agricultural lands. The timeline for practice installation, as set forth in the WQT plan, indicates practices will be installed by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Credits generated from approved practices result in available credit quantities shown in Table 1. These credits will be incorporated into the reissued WPDES permit and will be used to demonstrate compliance with final phosphorus effluent limits beginning April 1, 2023.

Table 1: Total Phosphorus Credits Available per WQT-2021-0007

| Year | Available Credits (lbs/yr) – Total |
|------|------------------------------------|
| 2021 |                                    |
| 2022 | 134.3                              |
| 2023 | 338.9                              |
| 2024 | 338.9                              |
| 2025 | 338.9                              |

The Department conditionally approves the WQT Plan as a basis for water quality trading during the next WPDES permit term. This approval is not to be construed as an approval for any activities requiring a permit under ch. 30 or 31, Wis. Stats. The Department has assigned the WQT plan a tracking number of WQT-2021-0007 and will be referenced as such in the draft WPDES permit. The final WQT plan will be included as part of the public notice package for permit reissuance. The draft WPDES permit will include a requirement for an annual trading report and effluent monitoring for total phosphorus.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 608-535-0368 or at [sean.spencer@wisconsin.gov](mailto:sean.spencer@wisconsin.gov)

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Spencer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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