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DNR Project No. DC-0245

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[Subject: CARPC Dane County Water Quality Plan Amendment Resolution 2026-05 - Policies and Criteria for Sewer Service Area Amendments](#)

Dear Ms. Mehendale:

On March 13th, 2026, The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) received Resolution No. 2026-05 from the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC), on behalf of Dane County. Resolution No. 2026-05 requested the department's administrative review of an amendment to the Dane County Water Quality Plan by updating the Policies and Criteria for Sewer Service Area Amendments. The amendment to the plan will update the processes and requirements for sanitary sewer service area amendments ([Link to Summary of Changes](#)).

The proposed amendment is hereby approved in accordance with water quality standards under ss. 281.15 and 283.83(1m), Wis. Stats., along with CARPC's recommended actions described in Resolution No. 2026-05. A public hearing was held at CARPC's January 8, 2026, meeting, where the commission had voted to recommend approval of the amendment. Several comments were raised and addressed at the meeting ([Link to Public Commentary](#)). This amendment is a formal amendment to the state's Areawide Water Quality Management Plan, per ch. NR 121, Wis. Adm. Code. The Dane County Water Quality Plan Amendment entitled "Policies and Criteria for Sewer Service Area Amendments" will be forwarded to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to meet the requirements of the Clean Water Act of 1987 (Public Law 92-500 as amended by Public Law 95-217) and outlined in the code of federal regulations, 40 CFR Part 35. This review is an integrated analysis action under s. NR 150.20(2)(a)3., Wis. Adm. Code. By means of this review, the department has complied with ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code, and with s. 1.11, Wis. Stats.

Appeal Rights:

Wisconsin statutes and administrative rules establish time periods within which requests to review department decisions must be filed. For judicial review of a decision pursuant to ss. 227.52 and 227.53, Wis. Stats., a party has 30 days after the decision is mailed, or otherwise served by the department, to file a petition with the appropriate circuit court and serve the petition on the department. Such a petition for judicial review must name the Department of

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Natural Resources as the respondent. To request a contested case hearing pursuant to s. 227.42, Wis. Stats., a party has 30 days after the decision is mailed, or otherwise served by the department, to serve a petition for hearing on the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources. All requests for contested case hearings must be made in accordance with s. NR 2.05(5), Wis. Adm. Code, and served on the Secretary in accordance with s. NR 2.03, Wis. Adm. Code. The filing of a request for a contested case hearing does not extend the 30-day period for filing a petition for judicial review.

Sincerely,

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