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Mr. Robert Strachota
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Dear Messrs. Strachota and Kintzinger:

I am responding to your letter dated April 18th to Ms. Christine Thomas, Chair of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board. She forwarded your letter and concerns to the Department of Natural Resources and I would like to take this time to answer them and outline the process needed to abandon a dam.

At this time the Department has not received an application to abandon The Placid Diversion Canal and Dam. The County has indicated that they may be interested in doing but we have not received an application to date.

If and when the Department receives an application, we will require the County to develop an abandonment plan that can be approved by the Department. We will also be required to conduct a Type II Environmental Assessment. As part of the abandonment application there will be a 30 day public notice period where individuals and organizations can review the proposal and if they have substantive objections to it, request a public hearing on the project. Given the controversy surrounding this project and the Round Lake water levels, the Department would likely grant a public hearing.

The Round Lake Property Homeowners Association will be contacted as part of the permitting process to provide comment during the 30 day public notice.

If you have any other comments or questions regarding this process please feel free to contact me at (715) 762-1338.

Sincerely,



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Upper Chippewa Basin Watershed Supervisor
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