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Dear Messrs. Renk and Fuller:

The Department of Natural Resources is pleased to provide you with a copy of our annual Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA) report. In fulfillment of Section 1.11 (2) (j) of the state statutes, this document provides information on the WEPA environmental analysis efforts completed by the Department in fiscal year 2020.

Questions about this report can be directed to me at AdamC.Mednick@Wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,



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**ANNUAL REPORT OF WEPA ACTIVITIES
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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WEPA Overview

Signed into law in 1972, the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA) requires the DNR and other state agencies to consider the environmental effects of their actions to the extent possible under their other statutory authorities. It also establishes the principle that broad citizen participation should be part of environmental decision-making. The DNR WEPA procedures are established in Chapter NR 150 of the Administrative Code.

DNR WEPA Activity Completed in FY 2020

All WEPA documents prepared by the Department are available at:

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/EIA/archive.html>

In FY 2020, the Department completed one final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the following project:

- City of Waukesha Proposed Great Lakes Diversion

In addition, the Department cooperated with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin on the completion of two final EISs and five environmental assessments (EAs) for the following projects:

- South Shore Energy and Dairyland Power Cooperative – Nemadji Trail Energy Center (EIS)
- WEPCO – Lakeshore Lateral Gas Pipeline (EIS)
- ATC – Bayport Pioneer Transmission Line (EA)
- NextEra – Point Beach Solar (EA)
- Ranger Power – Badger State Solar (EA)
- WPL – Western Wisconsin Gas Pipeline Expansion (EA)
- Xcel – Bayfield Second Circuit Transmission Line (EA)