



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 38
[2017 Senate Bill 180]

**Water Supply Service Area
Designation**

BACKGROUND

State law provides that a person who operates a public water supply system that serves a population of 10,000 or more and withdraws water from the state water supply must have a water supply plan approved by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) by December 31, 2025. One of the items that the plan must include is a proposed designated **water supply service area**. The water supply service area designated in the water supply plan must be consistent with the areawide water quality management plan, which is also approved by DNR.

State law also provides that if a public water supply system is within a county that lies only partly within the Great Lakes Basin (currently only Waukesha County) and proposes to divert water from the Great Lakes Basin, the public water supply system's proposal for diverting water must be approved by the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Council (Great Lakes Council).

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2017 Wisconsin Act 38 provides that if the Great Lakes Council approves a **diversion area** for a public water supply system that is proposing to divert water from the Great Lakes basin, the **diversion area** approved by the Great Lakes Council must constitute the **water supply service area** that is designated in the water supply plan and does not need to be consistent with the areawide water quality management plan.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.