



# Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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July 31, 2009

Mr. Jon Larsen  
Environmental Review Program  
Environmental Quality Board  
658 Cedar Street, Room 300  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: La Crescent Township Homeowner's Association –  
Proposed Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF)  
Petition for Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW), received June 22, 2009

Dear Mr. Larsen:

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Environmental Review staff has been attempting to contact Mr. Richard Barbour, the developer and owner of the proposed La Crescent Township Homeowner's WWTF and development (Project), in order to gain information in making a decision to grant or deny the petition for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet.

The MPCA Environmental Review staff has sent two certified letters (dated June 29, 2009, and July 10, 2009) to Mr. Barbour, with the first returned unclaimed and the second with no response. MPCA Environmental Review staff also attempted to reach Mr. Barbour by telephone on July 6 and 9, 2009, leaving voice mails at two telephone numbers, with no response. MPCA Water Quality Permitting staff has also attempted to reach Mr. Barbour by telephone but has had no response.

MPCA Environmental Review staff has also contacted the LHB Corporation, the most recent consulting contact for the Project, and was informed that the LHB Corporation has not been in contact with Mr. Barbour for some time. In addition, MPCA attempted to contact the company listed as the client on Project plan sheets, BBJ of La Crescent, LLC, but the telephone number listed for the company was disconnected.

In summary, MPCA Environmental Review staff has made extensive efforts to communicate with Mr. Barbour, without success. Therefore, the MPCA cannot, at this time, make a determination regarding the petition for an EAW on the Project. If the status of the Project changes, or if the information we need becomes available, MPCA staff will notify the Environmental Quality Board. Until that time, we will take no further action related to the petition, and permits or approvals cannot be granted.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at 651-757-2181, or Nancy Drach of my staff at 651-757-2317.

Sincerely,



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cc: Richard Barbour, La Crosse, Wisconsin  
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