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Emily Moore
Via Email

Subject: Des Moines Lake Aquatic Plant Management Plans Eligibility Determination

Dear Emily Moore:

Thank you for your efforts to understand and manage Des Moines Lake. This letter is to notify you that the Department has determined the 2024-2028 Aquatic Plant Management Plan (APM Plan), is eligible for NR193 Surface Water Grants, subject to the application requirements of the program, and with the exceptions described below.

- Actions that are not eligible for grant funding include small-scale treatment herbicide applications.

Some herbicide spot treatments (e.g. 2,4-d formulations on beds less than 5 acres in size) have been determined ineligible for herbicide control permits in the past. It is possible as new science emerges, herbicide control using different products in small treatment areas will be similarly determined ineligible for control grant funding and permits. These decisions are often made at the statewide level and beyond local control. Monitoring results and annual communication with the Department to better understand the management strategy for the coming year will facilitate permit decision-making.

Thanks to you and the lake community for your continued efforts. Please contact Aquatic Plant Management Coordinator Austin Dehn (austin.dehn@wisconsin.gov or 715-919-8059) if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Austin Dehn

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