

* Regarding the New Berlin taking of Lake Michigan water. First of all for its little info is given on the time frame etc. But I will attempt to do my job as a citizen. What is the date New Berlin was first notified they must remove the radon from their municipal drinking water? Did they make any attempt to mechanically remove the radon from the drinking water during the time frame? Who was the government agency who executed the time frame order? Was there actually enough time given to comply? Or was all of this just smoke and mirrors by the gov. agency who issued the order in the first place. How much lake water will New Berlin need now and for future use via your "estimates". And how much of that water will be returned to Lake Michigan via your estimates in effluent? It is my understanding New Berlin's water goes through the Milwaukee Sanitary District to Lake Michigan. Does New Berlin have its own sanitary district? Milwaukee has several raw sewage dischargers in to Lake Michigan during heavy rain - ~~was~~ the same problem exist with New Berlin's effluent? And does New Berlin's effluent contribute to the problem? Are any water saving methods being implemented? Streams and even lakes are drying up in WI. Is water conservation a concern to the governing agency involved? Is water conservation a concern to the State of WI? How far is New Berlin from Lake Michigan?

* How many water drawing straws can Lake Michigan with-stand? There is a potable water crisis coming world wide but no one appears to care.

No where near enough water saving measures are being implemented. Less than 1% of the world's water is potable/drinkable. Who would ever know at the rate it is being used. The southern and south-western states are eyeing the Great Lakes for "their" water supply and those of us in the know - know it. Many countries around the world are also interested in the Great Lakes water. Corporations are preparing to exploit the Great Lakes in the name of the dollar bill and profit.

Will you allow the Great Lakes to be drained for the greedy dollars?

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NOV 28 2006 Thank-you for hearing me out,

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Sincerely,

Richard R. Hogue

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** This is my official comment as a U.S. Citizen and a concerned resident of the State of WI.

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My concerns regarding the "grab
for lakewater".

Certainly the reasons for establish-
ing the Great Basin were definite:
Any exceptions to the rule will est-
ablish a pattern for "grabbing".
Assessing New Berlin's request will
begin such a pattern! And the thot
of Waukesha's (another petitioner) plan
to return "used" water to Lake Mich-
igan via the vital Root River water
way is repulsive.
Granting these wants will open the
door to any and eventually all.

Yours truly,
Lorraine B. Labotzke

p.s.
Or does money talk,
directly or indirectly?!

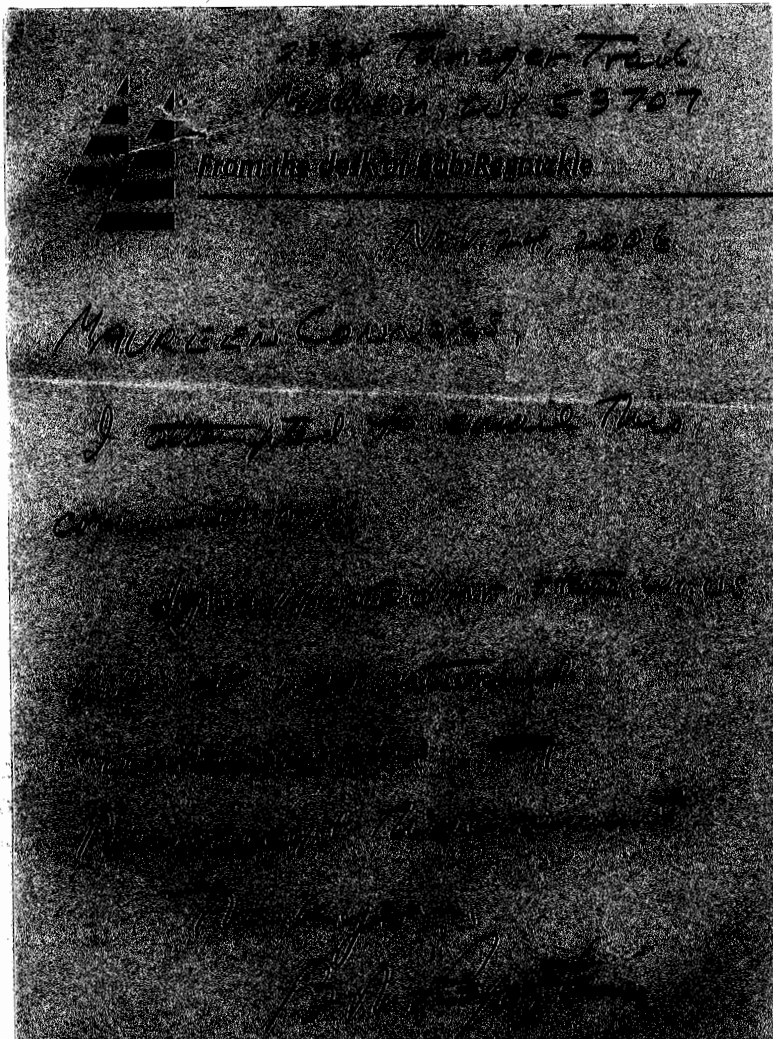
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Comment on the Diversion of Lake Michigan water to New Berlin, November 23, 2006.

Robert A. Ragotzkie, UW Sea Grant Institute Director, retired.

The proposed diversion of Great Lakes water for municipal use in New Berlin is a bad precedent. The application states that the water will be returned to Lake Michigan. However lawn sprinkling, car washing and the like are consumptive uses, and this water will not be returned to Lake Michigan. The water levels in Lakes Michigan-Huron and Superior are presently 1 1/2 ft. and 1 ft. below average respectively. Property owners are experiencing excessive littoral algae accumulation on their beaches because of this low water. Shipping interests are subject to economic losses due to reduction in harbor depths. Therefore any removal of Lake Michigan water, however small, will only aggravate this situation.

The states and Canadian provinces bordering the Great Lakes have agreed to not allow the diversion of Great Lakes water outside the watershed. Gov. Lee Dreyfuss emphasized Wisconsin's position on this matter when at a Great Lakes conference at Mackinac Island he remarked that "No Great Lakes water will leave the State of Wisconsin unless it is brewed and bottled". In the coming years the pressure to divert Great Lakes water to water poor regions such as the southwest will be enormous. Any precedent that appears to permit such a diversion will be seized upon. Approval of the New Berlin application is such a precedent. I urge the DNR and the State of Wisconsin to reject this application.



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Maureen Connors
Office of the Great Lakes
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
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Madison WI 53707

October 24, 2006

Dear Office of the Great Lakes,


While I feel that New Berlin's proposal to withdraw additional water from Lake Michigan to serve part of the city outside the Great Lakes drainage basin should be denied, I know this is an impractical solution that would likely cause a water emergency in the city. Instead, I recommend approving New Berlin's proposal for a short-term period of time, say 5 years maximum, in order to allow them to find and fund alternative water solutions. This should only be a temporary solution allowing them sufficient time to solve their radium problem.

I want to stress that after 5 years, New Berlin should no longer, under any conditions, be allowed additional access to the Great Lakes drainage basin. The Great Lakes are already under a huge environmental strain as one-fifth of the world's freshwater resources. They have problems with mercury, invasive species, sewage overflow, and continually dropping water levels. As an avid outdoorswoman, fisherwoman, and lover of water, I feel very strongly that the governments of Wisconsin, surrounding states, and Canada need to be more aggressive in conserving the Great Lakes for future generations of life. The Lakes are already at a dismal state and cannot be allowed to go further.

While I understand the situation New Berlin's residents face, they cannot expect to keep drawing from a drainage basin that does belong to them. These are the problems that occur when people are allowed to develop on land that cannot support large populations. If the water is unsafe or there is not enough water to support a population, then we need to not allow people to build there. If people still want to build there, they should do so with the knowledge that they will be paying the high cost of cleaning the water themselves and not drawing from another source. This is a classic example of the "tragedy of the commons," when overuse of a common resource (Great Lakes) leads to the destruction of a common resource.

Through the "tragedy of the commons" and a lack of stronger regulations, we have allowed the Great Lakes to reach an unsustainable level. We cannot allow this level to slip anymore. New Berlin's use can only be approved on a short-term non-renewable lease of water where all necessary steps are taken to return water used back to the Great Lakes. If these conditions are not met, the city should be fined accordingly.

Sincerely,



Rayna Rokicki
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Donna Goodrich

From: "Donna Goodrich" <donnagoodrich@wi.rr.com>
To: <dgmailbox@dnr.state.wi.us>
Sent: Saturday, November 11, 2006 9:58 AM
Subject: Fw: New Berlin, Wisconsin Application For Water Diversion

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 Madison, Wisconsin 53707

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To Whom It May Concern:

The information presented within this document "Respectfully Submitted" by Steven H. Schultz P.E. is very limited as to explanation. The source of Steve Schultz information as far as expert scientific data is concerned is inadequate. There is not one documentation of a second opinion anywhere as to Steve Schultz accumulated data except departments within the City of New Berlin. This situation brings on questions that should be totally addressed before any consideration of this document is taken seriously.

I found little mention as to the expectations of "The Compact." I do realize at this point in time we do have a "gentlemen's agreement" with those states in the Great Lake Basin. However, a written agreed upon document, signed by all the governors and their Canadian counterparts does exist. It seems to me this document was not taken into consideration at all in writing New Berlin, Wisconsin Application For Water Diversion. This is totally wrong!!

No mention as to the impact of New Berlin's Application For Water Diversion on future negotiations with Great Lake Basin states is even mentioned. Is this document worthy of becoming the "benchmark" for future water diversion applications.? This also opens up big questions.

My conclusion after reading this entire document as submitted is that there is much more work to be done before going forward on this proposed water diversion. There have been many opinions on this document already expressed. I am hopeful there will be many more before any diversion takes place. My hope is that a real concern for each persons ideas is taken into the decision making process. That those interested in this issue become more educated by the agencies and government bodies involved. Than maybe a sound decision can be made that not only reflects the present needs for water but also the future of "The Compact" and our precious Great Lakes waters.



Submitted on November 11th, 2006

Donna Goodrich
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 New Berlin, WI 53146

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Mauree Connors
Office of The Great Lakes
Wisconsin Dept. Of Natural Resources
PO Box 7921
Madison WI 53707

Subject: New Berlin Water Diversion

No – New Berlin should not be allowed to divert Lake Michigan water further West.
Waukesha City should not be allowed to divert Lake Michigan water either.

New Berlin and Waukesha city need to conserve and control their water use and expansion.

Sidney Hayek
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Sidney J Hayek

Connors, Maureen K - DNR

From: Russell J Burkel [rburkel@juno.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2006 9:21 AM
To: Connors, Maureen K - DNR
Subject: New Berlin Great lakes Water Diversion Application

Please confirm receipt.
Thanks / Russ Burkel

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From: Russell J Burkel <rburkel@juno.com>
To: maureen.connors@dnr.state.wi.us
Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2006 11:50:28 -0600
Subject: Fw: New Berlin Great lakes Water Diversion Application

At present New Berlin IS diverting water from the Mississippi basin to the Lake Michigan basin since their wastewater disposal flows to Lake Michigan. Apparently it's acceptable to divert, Mississippi basin water, into the Great Lakes basin, but not the reverse. That logic is very puzzling.

I'm surprised WI and IL communities downstream are tolerant of diversion of THEIR water from their Mississippi basin.

On a broader note, the root cause of Huron and Michigan level declines is the 1962 dredging of the St. Clair River channel. As I understand that single act caused an 18" drop in lake levels. That single action caused an incalculable increase in the amount of fresh water flowing out to the Atlantic Ocean. Action to restrict water flow under the Blue Water Bridge would provide enough water for all communities facing water quality problems such as New Berlin and Waukesha.

The New Berlin and Waukesha diversion would be a drop in the bucket (no pun intended) when compared to the lake level rise a St. Clair River flow restrictor would provide.

Has the 1962 dredging been cited in the New Berlin request. If not, do you why?

Russ Burkel
South Milwaukee, WI

Connors, Maureen K - DNR

From: Sandra Mednis [smkrumins@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2006 10:39 AM
To: Connors, Maureen K - DNR
Subject: New Berlin water issue

Hello,

just wanted to express my opposition to New Berlin (non-Great Lakes Basin area) taking water from Lake Michigan. This is one of our most precious natural resources, and should not be squandered. New Berlin should practice better water conservation and implement better water-usage strategies. If this would go through, where would it stop? Soon, other areas would request our water, and there is no guarantee that it would be returned. Please, do not allow this, or any other requests for shipping Great Lakes water out of the basin.

Sincerely,
Sandra Mednis
4184 N. Bartlett Ave.
Shorewood, WI 53211

Connors, Maureen K - DNR

From: Damgaard, Marjorie S - DNR on behalf of DNR DG Mail
Sent: Thursday, November 09, 2006 12:28 PM
To: Connors, Maureen K - DNR
Subject: FW: New Berlin's Proposal to Withdraw Additional Lake Michigan WaterWater

-----Original Message-----

From: Leo Maney [mailto:MANEYL@pieperpower.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 08, 2006 1:11 PM
To: DNR DG Mail
Subject: New Berlin's Proposal to Withdraw Additional Lake Michigan WaterWater

I am in favor of the New Berlin application to withdraw additional water from Lake Michigan and urge the State of Wisconsin DNR to approve this application.

I believe the approval should be reviewed and granted under the existing federal law. Since the data shows that New Berlin will be returning as much or more water than will be withdrawn, the withdrawal will be in accordance with the existing law.

Furthermore, it seems unlikely that this withdrawal could or would be challenged since New Berlin's proposal meets all the requirements of the December 13, 2005 Compact.

New Berlin is in a unique location and situation since it is straddling the continental divide and returns the wastewater to Lake Michigan via the MMSD system. Approval of this application should not have any negative precedent-setting consequences.

As a New Berlin resident with children ages 2 and 5, it is imperative that we solve the radium problem in our drinking water. We also need to solve it as economically as possible. My annual property taxes are approximately \$9000 (which includes MMSD) and I also pay another \$1000 annually to the New Berlin Water Department. The New Berlin proposal is the most economic solution.

Thank-you for taking my comment,

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Connors, Maureen K - DNR

From: Damgaard, Marjorie S - DNR on behalf of DNR DG Mail
Sent: Thursday, November 09, 2006 12:29 PM
To: Connors, Maureen K - DNR
Subject: FW: New Berlin And Lake Michigan Water
Importance: High

I'm not sure why this one just came through, but it did.

From: Chuck Bartoszek [mailto:cbartoszek@wi.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 05, 2006 8:55 AM
To: DNR DG Mail
Subject: New Berlin And Lake Michigan Water
Importance: High

As a New Berlin resident whose home is about a half mile west of the "Continental Divide," I have been following the debate over Lake Michigan water diversion with great interest. I am very interested in having access to Lake Michigan water as soon as possible because of the radium and quality issues (e.g., taste, odor, hardness) that exist with New Berlin's current water supply. I believe that these water quality issues are having a negative impact on the health and lifestyle of my family. While I understand the need for rules governing proposed diversion requests, I do not understand why it is taking so long to decide if Lake Michigan water can be extended west in the city to Moorland Road or Calhoun Road. I am already paying a substantial amount each quarter to have my waste water returned to the lake. I religiously follow the city's rules on water conservation. I believe that my city officials are taking every reasonable step to move forward as quickly as possible in the process of qualifying for additional lake water. My hope is that the DNR and other state officials who must decide on New Berlin's request will do the same.

Thank you for letting me share my views on this topic

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Connors, Maureen K - DNR

From: Pete Chase [Pete.Chase@rmtinc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2006 11:22 AM
To: Baker, Bruce J - DNR; Connors, Maureen K - DNR
Subject: No great lakes water for New Berlin!

The link to dgmailbox@dnr.state.wi.us is not working.

Please record my opposition to the plan to pipe Lk. Michigan water outside of the great lakes basin to New Berlin. Getting treated wastewater in return is of **no** consolation. Although the plan seems innocuous at first blush, it opens the flood-gates of great lakes water flowing to users outside of the basin. First New Berlin, eventually Denver, Las Vegas, Phoenix, L.A., Shanghai...

Who's thirsty and has money?

Best Regards

Pete Chase, P.G.

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Connors, Maureen K - DNR

From: Damgaard, Marjorie S - DNR on behalf of DNR DG Mail
Sent: Friday, November 24, 2006 9:36 AM
To: Connors, Maureen K - DNR
Subject: FW: Diverting Great Lakes Water
Importance: High

Maureen,
I believe I already sent this to you, please confirm whether or not you've received it. Thank you!

From: Rick Olson [mailto:rick.olson@accurate-surveying.com]
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2006 10:33 AM
To: DNR DG Mail
Subject: Diverting Great Lakes Water

I have not read the New Berlin application for diverting Lake Michigan water to the municipality, but in general, this idea is bad policy. Even if water is returned to Lake Michigan, what about water quality issues? Water quality for municipalities will continue to decline in the future. Other municipalities in the future will attempt this same process and precedence will be set if the New Berlin application is approved. Do we need to continue out-of-control growth and poor management by municipalities until we are wallowing in our own waste? Say "No" to diverting water and water quality degradation, and "Yes" to clean water, a healthy environment, and a brighter future.

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