



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE

Joint Audit Committee

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State Senator Robert Cowles

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November 1, 2016

Ms. Cathy Stepp, Secretary
Department of Natural Resources
101 South Webster Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53707

Dear Ms. Stepp:

On June 3, 2016, the nonpartisan Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) published its audit of *Wastewater Permitting and Enforcement* (report 16-6). The audit included 17 recommendations related to the administration of the wastewater program by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). In the audit, LAB also recommended that DNR report to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee by November 1, 2016, on the status of its efforts to address the audit recommendations.

Yesterday afternoon, we received your letter asking us to extend this reporting deadline to November 18, 2016. Your letter offered no explanation as to why such an extension is necessary. We are disappointed that DNR did not fulfill its responsibility to provide this information in a timely way. We expect that you will work diligently to ensure the information is received by the Committee on or before November 18.

Sincerely,

Senator Robert Cowles, Co-chair
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Representative Samantha Kerkman, Co-chair
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cc: Members, Joint Legislative Audit Committee

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