

April 1, 2015

George Lake Property Owner
Bristol, Wisconsin 53104

Re: Proposed Chemical Treatment for Eurasian water-milfoil, George Lake, Kenosha County, Wisconsin

Dear George Lake Property Owner or Occupant:

The George Lake Rehabilitation District (GLRD), with support from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (the WDNR) and Stantec, Inc., will be assessing and chemically treating nuisance areas of Eurasian water-milfoil (EWM) on George Lake. Areas to be treated include up to 14 acres, as shown on the map.

EWM is a submergent (growing underwater to water surface) aquatic plant native to Europe, Asia and northern Africa. Aquatic biologists know this plant as, *Myriophyllum spicatum*, a cousin to the native northern water-milfoil. Most submergent aquatic plants are beneficial to the health of a lake providing food and habitat for many animals using the lake including fish, frogs, and insects. EWM, however, is an exotic (not native to the region) plant with aggressive growth habits that can grow to nuisance levels and cause problems for navigation and recreation.

A copy of the permit application is included and details the location of proposed treatment areas. Proposed treatment areas were identified based upon the presence of nuisance levels of EWM during a recent survey of the lake. Only those areas that are designated in the permit application will be treated with the final determination of where treatment may occur to be made by the on-site WDNR supervisor.

The proposed treatment is going to take place in May depending on water temperatures and is designed to target EWM. The area to be treated near your property will be selectively treated to help reduce a nuisance population of EWM and help restore native aquatic plant populations in George Lake. The day treatment is to take place, a bright yellow sign will be placed on each dock or shoreline within 200' of any of the affected treatment areas. **Areas of EWM will be treated with Aquathol K (endothall) and DMA-4® (2,4-D). Please read the yellow treatment sign carefully.** The anticipated water use restrictions are outlined below:

There is no swimming or fishing restrictions. Do not use water from treated areas for irrigation purposes for 21 days after treatment, or until an approved assay indicates the 2,4-D concentration is 100 ppb (0.1 ppm) or less. Water from treated areas should not be used for animal watering for 7 days following treatment.

A public notice regarding the treatment will be published prior to treatment in the legal section of the local paper. GLRD will hold a public informational meeting on the proposed treatments if five or more individuals, organizations, special units of government, or local units of government request one in writing. The person or entity requesting the meeting shall state a specific agenda of topics including problems and alternatives to be discussed. The request for the public informational meeting must be sent in writing to: George Lake Rehabilitation District, 20518 84th Place, Bristol, WI 53104 and to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, 9531 Rayne Dr., Sturtevant, WI 53104 within five days after the public notice is published.

If you have questions please contact Stantec at (715) 781-9976 or to request a current copy of the manufacturers' label for the herbicide to be used for this treatment. Neither GLRD nor the applicator can answer specific questions about herbicide use and possible effects other than what is represented on the approved label. The EPA registers all products for use within the U.S. and answers to most questions can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/about/index.htm>.

Sincerely,

George Lake Rehabilitation District