

## ***Your Action Needed, please.***

Wisconsin itself and the people who live here are defined by our relationship to great waters: Lakes Superior and Michigan, and the Mississippi River. We depend on the health of these great waters for our lives and livelihoods, and our recreation, culture and history.

**Step up to protect these Great, but vulnerable, Lakes. Please tell WisDNR in the strongest voice possible that a diversion is unnecessary, too costly and legally and environmentally harmful to the Great Lakes that we all hold dear.**

Waukesha Water Utility's plan and application to withdraw Lake Michigan water is a critical point in the way we protect these great waters and provide life-sustaining water for our children, our grandchildren and us.

What happens with Waukesha's application will have immediate environmental and economic impact on City of Waukesha residents. However, the larger impact may be felt decades down the road if Waukesha fails to meet the high standards of the Great Lakes Compact, thereby weakening its strong protections for the waters of the Great Lakes.

Regardless, the DNR is now asking the public to comment on the Waukesha Water Utility's Application without considering the common sense solution offered by the third party advocacy group, the Compact Implementation Coalition. The CIC alternative solution will:

- Save residents over \$150 million (\$334 million vs. \$174 million). *(The City of Waukesha's diversion will cause the water utility bills for its residents to increase astronomically, creating significant economic impacts for all residents, especially low income residents unable to pay higher water utility rates or higher rents.)*
- Meet public health standards for radium and other contaminants with a robust treatment process, included in the Non-Diversion Solution's cost estimates.
- Adequately supply a growing population within the existing city limits until at least 2050.
- Require no additional wells, which means there are no added environmental impacts to surrounding wetlands, surface waters or to the deep water aquifer.

***Review the information below and make written comments to the DNR at: <http://www.protectourgreatlakes.org>  
Deadline: August 28, 2015.***

***Please attend the public hearing and give your comments or simply be present:***

**Monday, August 17, 2015**

Carroll University Center, 2140 Davidson Road

Presentation and Public Hearing:

5:30 pm presentation

6:30 pm public hearing comments

*For more information on this issue:*

Visit the website: [www.ProtectOurGreatLakes.org](http://www.ProtectOurGreatLakes.org)

There is much information on this website and more is being added each day.

DNR Environmental Impact Statement:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/waterUse/documents/waukesha/draftWaukeshaEIS.pdf>

DNR Application Review:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/waterUse/documents/waukesha/draftWaukeshaTechnicalReview.pdf>

Compact Implementation Coalition Proposal (not considered by DNR):

<http://www.protectourgreatlakes.org/news/2015/7/9/non-diversion-solution-provides-waukesha-with-abundant-supply-of-safe-clean-drinking-water>

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