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Mr. Steve Tiegs
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Subject: Fire Lane Rd Dam, FF# 54.00, DKS# 6343, located in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 17, T35, R8W, Town of Atlanta, Rusk County, WI

Dear Mr. Tiegs,

Thank you for meeting on site on April 29, 2022 to discuss the Fire Lane Rd Dam located in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 17, T35, R8W, Town of Atlanta, Rusk County, WI. The dam is comprised of a stoplog concrete spillway structure with an elliptical corrugated metal outlet pipe. The dam is located on a navigable unnamed waterway that discharges into Devils Creek.

A dam is defined by NR 333.03(3) Wisconsin Administrative Code as "any artificial barrier in or across a watercourse which has the primary purpose of impounding or diverting water." The Department does not have record of permits or plan approvals for the dam. All dams regulated by the State of Wisconsin require a Ch. 31, Wisconsin Statutes, New Dam Construction permit and/or plan approval. If this option is of interest, please visit the following link for more information: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Dams/NewConstruction.html>.

Alternatively, to consider the dam removed and not subject to Ch 31, Wis Stats., the stoplogs must be completely removed and stoplog slots decommissioned or headwall removed. During our site visit you indicated that seeking removal is likely the direction the Town will be moving with the project. If this is the case, please send photos of the work completed before and after the work is completed. If the culvert is to be reset or replaced, it must be done as to not impound water during normal conditions.

If there is a desire to replace the culvert beneath Fire Lane Rd in addition to the dam removal criteria, please contact your regional Environmental Analysis & Review Specialist (Transportation Liaison). The contact for Rusk County can be found at <https://widnr.widen.net/s/kchgfsbns/liaisons>.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, I can be reached at (710) 461-0159 or Jacob.Druffner@wisconsin.gov.

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