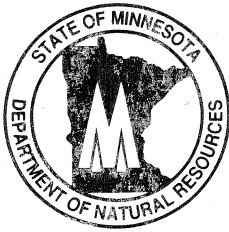

Appendix V

DNR Emergency and Conservation Plan Letter



Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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City of Minneapolis
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Department of Public Works
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Dear Mr. AbouAish:

WATER EMERGENCY AND CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVAL

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) received the City of Minneapolis "Water Supply, Emergency and Conservation Plan" that was prepared in compliance with Minnesota Statutes 103G.291. This plan is one of 317 water emergency and conservation plans that must be reviewed and approved by DNR. Due to the limited number of DNR staff available to complete this enormous task, the DNR is pursuing several alternatives to improve response time for review and approval of plans.

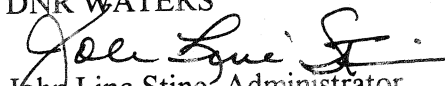
In the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area (TCMA) there are 116 plans that are being reviewed by both DNR and the Metropolitan Council. To reduce duplication of effort, the DNR and Metropolitan Council have agreed to use the Metropolitan Council's comments as the technical input for plan approvals in the TCMA. This will allow DNR to devote more time on plans for communities in greater Minnesota and hopefully lead to better regional coordination of water emergency procedures and conservation practices in the TCMA.

The Metropolitan Council has completed its review of the City of Minneapolis "Water Supply, Emergency and Conservation Plan," therefore, the plan is hereby approved by the DNR. Water emergency and conservation plans are required to be updated every ten years, but should be reviewed each year to address items included in the implementation schedule and to assess the effectiveness of conservation efforts.

Improving water use efficiencies may be a lower cost alternative compared to constructing new wells or additions to water and wastewater treatment facilities. Please be aware that demand reduction measures must be implemented (M.S. 103G.291) before requesting approvals for new wells or increases in authorized water volumes. Approval of your water emergency and conservation plan will not satisfy this requirement unless demand reduction measures are actually being implemented. Demand reduction measures must include a public education program, an evaluation of your rate structure and its impact on conservation, and may include retrofitting or other programs. If you are planning to construct a new, please contact the DNR for approval of demand reduction measures.

Thank you for your cooperation and water supply planning efforts to promote the wise use of water. Please contact Travis Germundson at 296-0512 or Jim Japs at 297-2835 if you have questions about your plan or conservation programs.

Sincerely,
DNR WATERS


John Linc Stine, Administrator
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