



Diversion Proposal

The city of Racine is applying for a straddling community diversion to extend their public water supply system to an area of the village of Mount Pleasant within the Mississippi River basin. Racine requests to divert up to an annual average of 7.0 million gallons of water per day to the diversion area, which includes part of the future site of Foxconn. Racine is the applicant for this diversion, because it operates a public water utility and would own and operate the water supply system in the proposed diversion area.



Public Participation

- **The application is available on the DNR website:** dnr.wi.gov, keyword: "[Racine Diversion](#)"
- A **public hearing** will be held March 7, 2018. 6:00 pm presentation, 6:30 public hearing. SC Johnson iMET Center, 2320 Renaissance Blvd, Sturtevant, WI.
- **DNR will accept public comments** on the application until March 21, 2018. Send comments to:
WDNR Water Use Section DG/5
Attn: Adam Freihoefer
PO BOX 7921
Madison WI, 53707-7921
DNRRacineDiversionComments@wisconsin.gov
- The DNR will strive to conclude the review process within 90 days.

Review Process

The DNR will review the application to determine whether or not it meets the following straddling community diversion requirements:

- The diverted water will be used solely for public water supply purposes.
- The city of Racine will return to Lake Michigan an amount of water equal to the amount of water withdrawn, less an amount for consumptive use.
- No surface water or groundwater from outside the Lake Michigan basin will be used to satisfy any portion of the water returned. Unless:
 - ◇ The returned water will be from a water supply or wastewater treatment system that combines water from inside and outside the Lake Michigan basin.
 - ◇ The returned water will be treated to meet all applicable permit requirements and to prevent the introduction of invasive species to Lake Michigan.
 - ◇ The proposal maximizes the amount of water from Lake Michigan that will be returned and minimizes the amount of water from outside the basin that will be returned to Lake Michigan.
- The city of Racine has completed and submitted a conservation and efficiency plan.
- Review by the Great Lakes states and provinces is not required for this application.