



Ecological and Water Resources
500 Lafayette Road
Saint Paul, MN 55155

July 23, 2024

Union Lake Sarah Improvement District
Shane Johnson
President
PO Box 61
Erskine, MN 56535

Dear Shane Johnson,

This letter serves as notice that your permit INF-09-044 to appropriate/transport infested water is being temporarily suspended. Discharge of water from Union Lake (60021700) into Unnamed Wetland (60024400) allowed under Public Waters Permit 1999-1237 must cease until appropriate modifications or conditions are met to prevent the transfer of zebra mussels downstream. Union Lake was confirmed as infested with zebra mussels on July 08, 2024. Infested waters may not be diverted to other waters. The DNR reviews water appropriation permits for newly listed infested waters and may amend permits to include conditions preventing invasive species' spread (Minnesota Rules, part 6216.0500).

To resume water discharge from Union Lake to Unnamed wetland (60024400), you must meet additional conditions to be added to your Appropriation/Transport of Infested Waters to operate the Union Lake outlet. The additional conditions could be one or a combination of the following: 1) modification to the operation and maintenance plan for seasonal operation restricting discharge to times of the year when zebra mussel larvae would not be transported or introduced into another water body by the outlet; 2) modification of the existing filtration system on the outlet to prevent zebra mussel larvae transfer; and 3) treatment of the water including chemical, ultraviolet, heat or other treatments.

Our AIS Specialist, Nicole Kovar, Area Hydrologist, Stephanie Klamm, and any additional staff, as needed, are available to assist you in finding conditions that will allow you to operate the outlet while preventing the spread of invasive species. Please reach out to Nicole at 218-537-6100 and Stephanie at 651-587-5448 for assistance or if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Nathan Kestner'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Nathan Kestner, NW Regional Manager | Division of Ecological and Water Resources

CC: Erik Anthonisen, Tom Groshens, Stephanie Klamm, Mark Ranweiler, Nicole Kovar, Kelly Pennington, Don Eaton, Adam Doll, April Swenby (Sand Hill River Watershed District Administrator)