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Mr. Jack L. Fischer
A.I.A., Secretary
Wisconsin Department of Commerce
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Dear Mr. Fischer:

On behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Water, I hereby recognize the State of Wisconsin for its dedication and commitment to protecting human health and the environment through the adoption of EPA's *Voluntary National Guidelines for Management of Onsite and Clustered (Decentralized) Wastewater Treatment Systems*. In particular, Roman Kaminski, in the Division of Safety and Building has been instrumental in gaining this level of recognition.

Onsite systems are a significant part of our nation's water infrastructure, serving 25 percent of existing homes and 33 percent of new development. These systems can be an effective option if properly designed, installed, and managed. They can be a significant threat to public health and the environment if they are not.

By adopting EPA's Voluntary Guidelines, the State of Wisconsin has demonstrated its commitment to protecting human health and the environment by improving onsite system performance. By raising the quality of Wisconsin's programs through institutionalizing the management of onsite wastewater systems, you are helping communities in meeting water quality and public health goals. I commend you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Hanlon".

James A. Hanlon
Director

Office of Wastewater Management

cc: Roman Kaminski