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Susan Hedman
Administrator, Region 5
United States Environmental Protection Agency
77 W. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60604

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Dear Administrator Hedman:

As elected state officials serving the citizens of northeastern Wisconsin, including the city of Marinette, we write today with regards to the proposed cleanup of the Menominee River Basin.

The Menominee River Basin has played an instrumental role in our community, in both a commercial and recreational capacity. While we understand the need for a river clean-up, we share the concerns of many in the community over how that actual process takes place.

It is our understanding that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been reviewing additional remediation proposals and final approval is pending. We feel strongly that the EPA should fulfill its obligation to a thorough review process and ensure all stakeholders are properly informed about any additional information that may be taken under your consideration.

It is our hope that our constituents will have ample chance to be informed and provide feedback as to how the water clean-up proposals will impact them and our community as a whole. Therefore, we respectfully request that the EPA allow the public the opportunity to provide comments, ideally through a public hearing located in the Marinette area, on any and all of the proposed approaches prior to final approval of the plan.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. We would appreciate a response from your agency no later than November 16, 2011. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our offices.

Respectfully,

John Nygren
State Representative
89th Assembly District

Dave Hansen
State Senator
30th Senate District