

## Noxious Plants Workshop

To The Parties Addressed:

Wetland areas in many states throughout the country are affected by non-native invading plant species. Two particularly invasive plant species are purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) and Eurasian water milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*). These two species can reduce the diversity and value of wildlife habitat when not controlled. Many of the Commission licensed hydropower reservoirs in the Wisconsin-Michigan area contain these species. For this reason, many of the licenses issued for these projects include requirements for plans to monitor and control these noxious plants.

The Office of Energy Projects is initiating a public workshop to exchange information and discuss monitoring and management options of purple loosestrife and Eurasian water milfoil. We are inviting project licensees; Federal, State, and local agencies; technical experts; interested stakeholders and the public to join us in these discussions.

**The workshop will be held in Green Bay, Wisconsin on Tuesday, May 13, 2003.** The main focus of the workshop will be on the effectiveness of various monitoring and control techniques for these invasive species. Issues like the usefulness of GPS and other GIS tools for monitoring, cultural/manual, chemical and biological controls, and the Commission's role in the process will be discussed. Presentations will be made by licensees who have relevant experiences at hydropower projects, as well as state agencies, and researchers on the most current control methods, and how effective these methods are at preventing the spread of purple loosestrife and Eurasian water milfoil at hydropower projects. We welcome participation from stakeholders who can assist with valuable information on managing these invasive plant species at FERC projects. We will provide opportunities for information exchange and stakeholder collaboration, so bring your ideas to the workshop. The main objectives are:

- C To gain an understanding of noxious plants and how they affect management of reservoir resources at the hydropower projects;
- C To discuss project requirements and different monitoring methods and schedules; and

- C To exchange information and improve cooperation between the licensees, Federal and state agencies, and the technical experts on effective noxious plant control and eradication methods.

The workshop will be held at the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary on Tuesday, May 13, 2003. An agenda and directions to the workshop and nearby hotel are attached. If you plan to attend or have suggestions for the agenda, **please respond via facsimile to Dorothy Thompson at 202-219-2732, or you can email our team at: [noxiousplants@ferc.gov](mailto:noxiousplants@ferc.gov)**. Please include in your response the names, addresses, e-mail, and telephone numbers of all attendees from your organization. We encourage you to invite others to share in this workshop.

We look forward to your participation in the workshop. To help us enhance our panel discussions, please consider issues and/or questions that you would like to have addressed at the workshop. For panel topic suggestions, please e-mail CarLisa Linton at [carlisa.linton-peters@ferc.gov](mailto:carlisa.linton-peters@ferc.gov).

Thank you for your support. If you have specific questions, you may contact: CarLisa Linton at 202-502-8416.

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cc: Public Files

Attachment 1 - Agenda

Attachment 2 - Workshop Location & Travel Information

**LOCATION AND TRAVEL**

**(May 13, 2003)**

**LOCATION:** Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary  
166 E. Shore Drive  
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301  
(920)-391-3671  
<http://www.baybeachwildlife.com>

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Holiday Inn Green Bay City Centre  
200 Main Street  
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54303  
800-457-2929 /920-437-5900  
E-Mail [info@greatlakesinn.com](mailto:info@greatlakesinn.com)

**DIRECTIONS**

To the Holiday Inn: From U.S. Route 41 and the West: There is construction in this area. Use the following as an alternate route:

Northbound on U.S. Route 41: Watch for the DePere exit from U.S. Route 41  
The very next exit is for U.S. Route 41 North or BUSINESS U.S. 41 (Ashland Avenue)  
Take BUSINESS U.S. 41 (Ashland Avenue)  
Stay on Ashland Avenue to Dousman Street (about 4-5 miles)  
Turn Right onto Dousman Street, Dousman Street becomes Main Street  
Continue on Main Street, crossing over the Main Street Bridge  
Holiday Inn is on the lefthand side of the street directly after the bridge.

To the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, from the Holiday Inn:

Turn left from the Holiday Inn onto Main Street  
Stay on Main Street to Webster Avenue  
Turn left onto Webster Avenue  
Continue on Webster Avenue under U.S. Route 43  
Webster Avenue becomes East Shore Drive and bears to the right  
Watch for the entrance to Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary on the righthand side of the East Shore Drive. (The Bay Beach Amusement Park is on the lefthand side of the street, across from the Wildlife Sanctuary.)

From the Airport: Take 172 to I43 north. Take Exit #187 North (Webster Ave.) to Irwin. The wildlife sanctuary is on the left.