



**Wisconsin
County Code
Administrators**

July 21, 2011

Representative Jim Ott
Room 317 North
State Capitol
PO Box 8953
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Representative Ott,

Please accept this letter in response to the notice of a public hearing to discuss Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 115 in Minoqua, WI on July 26, 2011. The Wisconsin County Code Administrators (WCCA), originating in 1969, is a state-wide organization committed to training and supporting zoning department staff. A key aspect of our mission is to interact and cooperate with various state agencies. Our decades long relationship with the Wisconsin DNR Shoreland Program extends to the origin of our organization. Our mandated charge is the administration and enforcement of county shoreland ordinances derived from NR 115.

In accompanying correspondence addressed to Russ Rasmussen, WDNR and Susan Sylvester, WDNR, is tangible evidence of our commitment to maintaining that spirit of cooperation. Our concern today is that any effort to undo or revise NR 115 without our direct involvement may result in a code that does not pass the "front counter test". We therefore, respectfully request, that the Joint Committee on Review of Administrative Codes take into consideration our sincere desire to remain engaged in future discussions. Please consider accepting an invitation to a future WCCA conference to find out, first hand, what happens where the water meets the land.

Sincerely,

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