Chapter 5

ORGANIZATION FOR THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

5.1 ROLE OF COMMISSION STAFF

It is proposed that the Regional Water Quality Management Plan Update (RWQMPU) be carried out by the staff of the Commission. The Chief Environmental Engineer would have primary responsibility for the direction and coordination of the RWQMPU. All other aspects of the study would be carried out by the staff of the Environmental Planning Division with assistance from the Land Use Planning and Surveying and GIS Divisions. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), local county and municipal agencies, and other environmental organizations operating within the Region would be asked to share pertinent available data on water quality and land use practices. Wastewater treatment plant operators in the Region will also be asked to share information related to their facilities and current treatment practices and technologies.

5.2 ADVISORY COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The Regional Water Quality Management Planning Advisory Committee, maintained by the Commission, will oversee the conduct of the RWQMPU. This committee will consist of many of the individuals who served on the technical advisory committee guiding the preparation of this prospectus—the membership of which is listed on the inside front cover of this document—along with additional members as may be needed to provide expertise and guidance during the development of the RWQMPU. The membership of the Advisory Committee should include, among others, representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Geological Survey, the WDNR, the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey, the Milwaukee

Metropolitan Sewerage District, several counties and municipalities within the Region, environmental organizations, and the academic community.

5.3 DOCUMENTATION

The surface water quality, groundwater quality, and wastewater treatment facility inventories will be documented in two Commission technical reports, and the overall findings and recommendations of the RWQMPU will be documented in a Commission planning report. The preparation of the report will be the responsibility of the Commission staff subject to the review and approval by the Advisory Committee and ultimately by the Commission itself.