

Getting rid of that algae could be costly. New rules approved by the DNR aim at reducing phosphorous which is blamed for algae blooms in Wisconsin waterways. Waste water treatment plants will have to make big changes under the rules, says La Crosse water utility manager, Mark Johnson. He says current effluent limit for phosphorous is 1.4 milligrams per liter, but a new limit could be as low as .1 milligrams per liter. Getting to that lower limit, says Johnson, could mean up to a whopping 60 million dollars in upgrades for the La Crosse waste water treatment facility.