Notice of Federal Clean Air Act Redesignation

August 4, 2014

Ms. Cathy Stepp
Commissioner
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
101 S. Webster Street; P.O. Box 7921
Madison, WI 53707-7921

Dear Secretary Stepp:

The Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa ("the Band") hereby announces to tribal, state and local municipal governments and federal land managers its intent to apply to the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") to redesignate its reservation lands to Class I air quality pursuant to Section 164(e) of the Clean Air Act. 40 CFR Part 52.21 requires consultation with tribal, state, local municipalities and Federal Land Managers. Therefore, the Band extends this request for consultation to affected governments and federal land managers. If you are interested in consultation regarding our request for redesignation please notify us by September 1, 2014. Please contact Alex Jackson, Air Program Coordinator, at class1air@fdltrez.com by September 1, 2014, to express your entity's interest and learn details about meeting locations, dates and times.

At this time, the Band seeks to redesignate only the lands within the exterior boundaries of its reservation. Below please find a link that will provide you access to our technical support document, an economic study and a modeling report that provide a description and analysis of the health, environmental, economic, social, and energy effects of the proposed reclassification that must be made available for public review at least 30 days before the required public hearing. We will be holding a public hearing at Black Bear Casino & Resort on the Fond du Lac Reservation. When details are finalized, the date and time of the information session and public hearing will be widely distributed. Under the redesignation procedure outlined in 40 CFR Part 52.21, and according to recently released guidance from the EPA, an Indian governing body is empowered to initiate redesignation requests provided that they adhere to the following administrative procedures:

- Hold at least one public hearing before submitting the redesignation request.
- Notify other tribes, states and federal land managers of areas that may be affected by the redesignation at least 30 days before the hearing.

- Consult with local and other sub-state general purpose governments in the area (e.g., cities, counties, local agencies).

- Prepare a description and analysis of the health, environmental, economic, social, and energy effects of the proposed reclassification that must be made available for public review at least 30 days before the required public hearing.

- Consult with any states the reservation is located within and that border the reservation. Supporting documentation can be found at (http://www.fdlrez.com/newnr/environ/airclass1.htm).

Please contact Alex Jackson, Air Program Coordinator, at Class1Air@fdlrez.com by September 1, 2014, to express your entity’s interest in consultation opportunities and to learn details about meeting locations, dates and times.

Sincerely,

Karen R. Diver
Chairwoman