



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF
WW-16J

Dear Honorable Leader:

In an August 18, 2016 letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency invited tribal governments in the state of Wisconsin to provide input to EPA on its review of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' (WDNR) final submittal of the State's 2016 impaired waters list under section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act. EPA followed up with a second letter on December 12, 2016, inviting interested tribal governments in the Region to provide input on EPA's review. In response to the invitations to consult, EPA held two telephone conference calls. The first was held on September 28, 2016 with the Forest County Potawatomi Community, Lac du Flambeau Band of Chippewa, Sokaogon Chippewa Community, and the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin. The second consultation call was held on January 4, 2017, and was attended by the Prairie Island Indian Community, Stockbridge-Munsee Community, Bay Mills Indian Community, Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa, and also included a representative from Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC), at the invitation of one of the participating tribes.

Record of Consultation

During our consultation calls, questions were raised concerning the process involved in the State's submittal of the list and EPA's review and final action. No major issues were identified. One question arose regarding whether WDNR had used information submitted by Naomi Tillison, of the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa Tribe, for the listing cycle. EPA responded that the information should be in the State's Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System (SWIMS) database. After the call, EPA confirmed in a discussion with the State that the Tribe's data were used.

Results of Consultation

In conducting its review of the 2016 impaired waters list for Wisconsin, EPA considered the information discussed above and concluded that the State received the data and reviewed it in accordance with the State's listing methodology.

I would like to thank all of you for participating in the consultation process. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact me at (312)-353-8320 or Mr. Peter Swenson at (312) 886-0236 or at Swenson.peter@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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Enclosure – list of Tribes receiving consultation final action on the 2016 Wisconsin Impaired Waters list action

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