



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Darrel G. Seki, Chairman
Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians
P.O. Box 550
Red Lake MN 56671

Dear Chairman Seki:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency received your Clean Water Act (CWA) program eligibility application dated December 10, 2019. We have reviewed the application and determined that it is complete. Our next step is to provide copies concurrently to the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Minnesota Governor's Office, and the Minnesota Attorney General's Office.) Additionally, we will place an advertisement in the following publications providing notification of the availability of the application for public comment with respect to the jurisdictional assertion to regulate surface water quality within the reservation.

The Bemidji Pioneer
P.O. Box 255
Bemidji, MN 56619

The Red Lake Nation News
P.O. Box 80
Redby, MN 56670

We are also sending copies of this letter providing notice to the following entities:

Thomas H. Barry
Beltrami County Administrator
701 Minnesota Ave. NW, Suite 200
Bemidji, MN 56601

Mayor Jorge Prince
City of Bemidji
1911 Norton Ave. NW
Bemidji, MN 56601

Lori Buell - District Manager
Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District
312 Main Ave. North, Suite 3
Bagley, MN 56621

Brent Rud - District Manager
Beltrami Soil & Water Conservation District
701 Minnesota Ave., Suite 113
Bemidji, MN 56601-3177

Jason Defoe, Court Administrator
Tribal Court
25060 Hwy 1 East
Red Lake, MN 56671

Based on comments that we may receive, we may be requesting additional information from you. Once comments are addressed and any additional information is received, EPA will make our decision regarding the approval of the application.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or you may call Tera L. Fong, Director of the Water Division at (312) 886-6735.

Sincerely,

Cheryl L. Newton
Acting Regional Administrator

cc by electronic mail:

Shane Bowe, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians