The Honorable Darrell Seki, Chairman
Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians
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RE: Approval of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians' Application to Administer the
        Water Quality Standards and Certification Programs under Sections 303(c), 401, and 518
        of the Clean Water Act

Dear Chairman Seki:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has approved the
Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians' Application to administer the water quality standards and
certification programs under the Clean Water Act (CWA) sections 303(c), 401, and 518; 33
U.S.C. §§ 1313, 1341, and 1377 for surface waters within the Red Lake Reservation.
Documentation of our review may be found in the enclosure titled, Decision Document:
Approval of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians' Application for Treatment in a Similar
Manner as a State for Sections 303(c) Water Quality Standards and 401 Certification Programs.

I commend Shane Bowe, Water Resources Program Director, and all of the Red Lake
Department of Natural Resources staff on their very fine effort to develop this application and to
work together with EPA, MPCA, and interested stakeholders in its review.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact
me, or have your staff contact David Horak at 312-353-4306. I look forward to continuing to
work together as you develop your water quality standards program.

Sincerely,

Debra Shore
Regional Administrator & Great Lakes National Program Manager

Enclosure

CC:
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