EPA Open House and Public Hearing
NPDES Permits for the Discharges from
Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians' Three Wastewater Treatment Facilities

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is taking comments from the public on draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits for the discharge of treated municipal wastewater to federally protected waters within the Bad River Indian Reservation.

The draft permits are for the Diaperville Stabilization Lagoon, the Birch Hill Stabilization Lagoon and the Bad River Wastewater Treatment Plant. The permits set discharge limits and require periodic monitoring and reporting.

The EPA will hold an open house and a formal public hearing on EPA's tentative decision to issue the draft NPDES permits. EPA representatives will answer questions at the open house. The hearing is an opportunity for the public to submit oral and written comments. These comments, in addition to the previously submitted comments regarding the draft permits, will be considered in EPA's final permit decision. Previously submitted comments do not have to be resubmitted. If you wish to make an oral comment, sign in begins at 5:30 p.m. Speakers will appear in the order in which they sign in.

Tuesday, August 27
Bad River Lodge & Convention Center
73370 US Highway 2
Odanah, WI 54861

Open House: 6 to 7 p.m. in the Gitche Gumee Convention Center
Public Hearing: Follows immediately

EPA's public comment period runs until Tuesday, September 3. You may mail written comments, postmarked on or before that date, to:

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To see the draft permits and related documents, go to http://www.epa.gov/region5/water/npdestek/badriverband/index.html or visit the EPA's Chicago regional office to view the full administrative record. To schedule an appointment at the Chicago office, or if you need special accommodations to attend the open house or public hearing, contact John Colletti at 312-886-6106.

A copy of EPA's response to comments will be made available to those that provide comments or request a copy after a final decision is made.

You may call EPA toll-free at 800-621-8431, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., weekdays.