WQS Timeline

1997: BRNRD initiates more intensive water quality monitoring.

May 1997: BRNRD develops a Tribal Water Laboratory.

Feb 1998: Tribe submits draft TAS application for Clean Water Act (CWA) Sections 303/401.

Aug 2000: Tribe adopts "tailored" water quality standards (WQS).

2001: BRNRD initiates a more intensive wetland monitoring program.

March 2006: Tribe submits final TAS application for CWA Sections 303/401, or WQS program authority.

2007: Tribe initiates its Non-Point Source Program under CWA Section 319.

Sept 2006: Public comment period opens for Tribe's TAS application for CWA Section 303/401; EPA holds informational meeting in Ashland on WQS program authority.

October 27, 2006: Public comment period on Tribe's TAS application closes.

July 23, 2008: Tribe submits its supplemental letter to its TAS application for CWA Sections 303/401.

Feb 2009: EPA issues proposed "Findings of Fact" document related to Tribe's TAS application for CWA Sections 303/401 for public comment.

March 18 2009: Public comment period on EPA's proposed "Findings of Fact" document closes.

June 26, 2009: EPA approves Tribe's TAS application for CWA Sections 303/401.

Feb 2011: Tribe completes its first CWA Section 401 Certification.

July 6, 2011: Tribal Council approves WQS.

Sept 21, 2011: EPA approves Tribe's WQS.