PUBLIC NOTICE
Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
Triennial Review of Water Quality Standards

Summary of Proposed Water Quality Standards (WQS) Process

On September 21, 2011, the U.S. EPA approved the Bad River Tribe's Water Quality Standards (WQS) under section 303 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). The WQS are required to be reviewed and/or updated every three years. The purpose of this notice is to provide information about the triennial review process, solicit feedback on other necessary revisions/updates to the WQS, and outline a schedule for completion of the triennial review.

The Tribe is considering revisions and/or updates to the following items: ammonia, asbestos, selenium, sulfate numeric criteria; refinement of the wildlife designated use; and addition of updated EPA assumptions within the human health criteria calculations. A separate public hearing will occur on any proposed revisions before submitting them to EPA for approval.

The Tribe seeks feedback on any additional changes to the WQS and will determine the scope of the WQS review based upon feedback received and resources available.

If the Tribe's changes to the WQS are approved, EPA will remain the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting authority, and the Army Corps of Engineers will remain the dredge and fill permitting authority under the CWA within the Reservation boundaries. The Tribe's EPA-approved WQS will be considered in the issuance of these permits.

Proposed Schedule

The schedule for consideration of the proposed triennial review of the WQS is as follows:

December 3, 2014

- The Tribe posts and publishes notice of a 45-day public comment period on the scope of the triennial review.

January 16, 2014

- The public comment period closes at 4:30 p.m. The Tribe commences review of comments received and determines the scope of the triennial review. The Tribe proceeds with the WQS review process.

Submitting Comments to the Tribe

Written comments can be sent via email or post office to:
Naomi Tillison
Bad River Natural Resources Department
P.O. Box 39
Odanah, WI 54861
wqs@badriver-nsn.gov
Comment deadline is 4:30 p.m. on January 16, 2015. All written comments received prior to the comment deadline will be considered.

The Tribe's Water Quality Standards (adopted 7/6/2011) can be found at:
Bad River Natural Resources Department
Chief Blackbird Center, 72682 Maple St.
Odanah, WI 54861
(715) 682-7123
-OR-
http://www.badriver-nsn.gov/tribal-operations/natural-resources/announcement-a-alerts-natural-resources/291-announcements-natural-resources

The Tribe posted and published notice of a 45-day public comment period on December 3, 2014.