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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:
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Henry St. Germaine, Sr., Tribal President
Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
P.O. Box 67
Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538

Dear President St. Germaine:

Thank you for your letter of February 19, 2015, submitting Lac du Flambeau's new and revised water quality standards for ammonia, bacteria, carbaryl, and sulfate to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for review under section 303(c) of the Clean Water Act (CWA).

Consistent with section 303(c) of the CWA and federal regulations at 40 CFR 131.21, EPA is required to review and approve tribal water quality standards. EPA has reviewed the information submitted in support of the proposed new and revised water quality criteria and hereby approves the revised water quality standards pursuant to section 303(c) of the CWA and federal regulations at 40 CFR 131.21.

As required under section 7 of the ESA and federal regulations at 50 CFR Part 402, EPA evaluated whether approval of Lac du Flambeau's new or revised criteria would affect federally-listed threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat. As further described in the record, EPA determined that the action would have no effect on listed species and will not result in destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat.

If your staff has any questions regarding this approval, please contact Robie Anson of my staff at (312) 886-1502.

Sincerely,

Tinka G. Hyde
Director, Water Division

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