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Hello Chief Executive Benjamin, Mr. Bunting & Ms. Applegate,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is initiating consultation with federally-recognized Indian Tribes in Region 5 regarding EPA's review and decision on Minnesota's 2022 303(d) list.

Attached is the electronic Tribal Consultation invitation letter. This tribal consultation discussion offers Region 5 tribes the opportunity to provide their comments to EPA on the Minnesota 2022 303(d) list.

The timeline for conducting the tribal consultation is on an accelerated track as EPA has 30 days to take a final action on Minnesota's 2022 303(d) list. Because of the very short time frame available to EPA we have set aside **12:00 PM to 2:00 PM CT on Monday April 18, 2022** for a consultation call, to use if interest is expressed in consulting in this manner.

Please contact Paul Proto, EPA staff, by phone (312-353-8657) or via email (proto.paul@epa.gov) by **Wednesday April 13, 2022**, to indicate if you would or would not like to consult on the Minnesota 2022 303(d) list.

If you are interested in participating in this consultation call, I will email the tribal consultation representative the conference call-in information for the April 18, 2022 consultation call starting at 12:00 PM CT.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Paul

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