BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

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Ann Coakley
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Waste and Materials Management
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Dear Ms. Coakley,

This letter is in response to your phone call on August 2, 2013, requesting a meeting between technical staff of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and Bad River Natural Resources Department. You suggested that the purpose of this meeting should be to discuss the proposed bulk sampling plan submitted by Gogebic Taconite, LLC, and you proposed that this meeting should occur before the end of the public comment period, which is scheduled to close on September 3, 2013.

Meetings or field visits like this in which decision-making options are informed and potential impacts are evaluated justify the WDNR coordinating with other regulators. Therefore, we request that the WDNR invite representatives from federal regulators, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to this technical meeting as participation of all regulators will enhance decision making.

As of today, my staff members are available to meet on the following dates: August 21, 27, or 30. Please contact our Environmental Specialist, Cyrus Hester, at (715) 682-7123 x 1551 or environmental@badriver-nsn.gov, to coordinate the meeting details for Bad River. I listed and copied on this letter U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers staff. We look forward to discussing the technical aspects of this project with you.

Sincerely,

Ervin Soulier

Ervin Soulier
Natural Resources Manager

cc: Cyrus Hester, Environmental Specialist
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