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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Henry St. Germaine, President
Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
418 Little Pines
Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin 54538

RE: Invitation to Consult on the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Sites

Dear President St. Germaine:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has been conferring with the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Tribal Natural Resource Department regarding addressing contamination at a Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) site within your reservation boundaries. By this letter EPA is initiating formal tribal consultation with the Band regarding how to best address the contamination at this site, known as the Tower Standard site. This consultation conforms to *Executive Order 13175 - Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments* and with the *EPA Policy on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes.*

To begin our discussions on Tower Standard, we would like to invite you, any interested Council Members, and your Tribal Natural Resource Department Staff to participate in a conference call with EPA. The consultation will focus on the technical and jurisdictional issues facing EPA and the Band, and better understanding Tribal perspectives and concerns regarding this site. We would like to discuss possible next steps on this site and consider a variety of outcomes at the site as well as available sources of funding for cleanup.

Based on recent conversations with Larry Wawronowicz, the Band's Tribal Natural Resource Director, I understand that the Band is likely to respond favorably to our offer to consult about this issue. Sherry Kamke is the EPA Region 5 project lead responsible for arranging the consultation. In the next several days she will contact staff at the Band to schedule the consultation, and can be reached at (312) 353-5794 or by email at kamke.sherry@epa.gov. Because of the importance of this issue, we hope to hold the consultation during the month of June, if it is convenient to the Band's schedule, and follow up afterward as appropriate.

I look forward to further discussing future steps for this important site.

Sincerely,

Margaret M. Guerriero, Director
Land and Chemicals Division

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cc: Larry Wawronowicz, Tribal Natural Resource Director, Lac du Flambeau Band
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