BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

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Dear Ms. Newton:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the air quality designation for the 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard. We appreciate the 8-hour ozone data given to us by the USEPA for Wisconsin's Vilas and Oneida counties. These are the closest counties to the Bad River Reservation with the most recent available ozone air quality data. Based upon the data from the last three years the design values established for both counties are 68 ppb and the areas would likely be classified as attainment as they meet the standard of 80 ppb. However, the Tribe recognizes the significant distance between the before mentioned counties and the exterior boundaries of the Bad River Reservation. Based on the data given for Vilas and Oneida Counties and the fact that there are no monitors located on the Bad River Reservation indicating attainment, the Tribe wishes to recommend an air quality designation of Attainment/Unclassifiable for the 8-hour Ozone Standard.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ervin Soulier, Natural Resources Manager or Alissa Dickerson, Air Quality Specialist at (715) 682-7123.

Sincerely,

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