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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF R-191

The Honorable Floyd Jourdain Chairman, Red Lake Tribal Council P.O. Box 550 Red Lake, MN 56671

Dear Chairman Jourdain:

I am pleased to inform you that I am approving the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians Non-point Source (NPS) Assessment Report, NPS Management Plan and application for treatment in the same manner as a state for purposes of Section 319 of the Clean Water Act. These documents were submitted by you on September 10, 2008. Together, these documents represent a managed approach to addressing water quality impacts from nonpoint sources.

With this approval, I hope that the Tribe's NP5 Management Plan will serve as a dynamic document. Because it serves as a long range plan to address NP5 impacts, we encourage you to periodically review the water quality problems identified in the NPS Assessment Report.

I congratulate you on the approval of this program and wish to thank your staff, especially Shane Bowe and Joel Rhode for their efforts in achieving this goal. My staff is ready to assist you as you begin implementing your NPS Management Program. Please let me know if I may be of further assistance or have your staff contact Dan Cozza, Tribal NPS contact at (312) 886-7252.

Sincerely,

Lynd Buhl

Regional Administrator

CC:

Shane Bowe, Red Lake -Joel Rohde, Red Lake