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Faron Jackson Sr., Chairman
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
190 Sailstar Drive N.W.
Cass Lake, MN 56633

RE: Approval of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe's Application to Administer the Water
Quality Standards and Certification Programs under Sections 303(c) and 401 of the Clean
Water Act

Dear Chairman Jackson:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has approved the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe's (LLBO) application to administer the water quality standards and certification programs under the Clean Water Act (CWA) Sections 303(c) and 401, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1313 and 1341 for surface waters within the Leech Lake Reservation. Documentation of our review may be found in the enclosure titled, *Decision Document: Approval of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe's Application for Treatment in a Similar Manner as a State for Sections 303(c) and 401 of the Clean Water Act*.

I commend all of the LLBO Division of Resources Management staff on their very fine efforts to develop this application and to work together with EPA in its review.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me, or have your staff contact David Horak at 312-353-4306. I look forward to continuing to work together as you develop your water quality standards program.

Sincerely,

Debra Shore
Regional Administrator & Great Lakes National Program Manager
US EPA Region 5

Enclosure

CC:

Tim Walz, Governor

Peter Tester, Deputy Commissioner, MPCA

Keith Ellison, Minnesota Attorney General (w/enclosure)

Katrina Kessler, Commissioner, MPCA (w/enclosure)

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Government Center (w/enclosure)

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Justice Center, (w/enclosure)

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Facility Center, (w/enclosure)

Cass County Clerk, (w/enclosure)

City of Cass Lake (w/enclosure)

Cass County Environmental Services (w/enclosure)

Itasca County Environmental Services (w/enclosure)