Grant of Water Quality Certification Without Conditions

The Hannahville Indian Community Reverse Osmosis Plant is located at W352 Wandahsega Lane, Harris Township, Michigan in Menominee County (Latitude: 45° 41’ 93” N; Longitude: 87° 41’ 25” W). The Hannahville Indian Community is a federally recognized Indian Tribe. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 5 is issuing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. MI-0059650-3, under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), for discharges from the Hannahville Indian Community Reverse Osmosis Plant. The discharges from this facility are located within the exterior boundaries of the Hannahville Indian Reservation. The receiving water for the discharges is an unnamed wetland which flows into Depas Creek within the Reservation.

The State in which the discharge originates is responsible for issuing the CWA Section 401 certification pursuant to CWA Section 401(a)(1). When a NPDES permit is issued within Indian Country, the Tribe is the certifying authority where the Tribe has been approved by EPA for Treatment as a State (TAS) pursuant to CWA Section 518(e) and 40 CFR § 131.8. Where a Tribe does not have TAS, EPA is the certifying authority. The Hannahville Indian Community does not have TAS for the reservation where the discharge occurs. Therefore, EPA is responsible for issuing the CWA Section 401 Certification for this permit.

EPA hereby certifies that the discharge(s), as authorized by the NPDES permit for the Hannahville Indian Community Reverse Osmosis Plant will comply with the water quality requirements, as defined at 40 CFR 121.1(n).