



REGION 5

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Grant of Water Quality Certification Without Conditions

Ponsford WWSL

Permit No. MN-0059439-6

The Ponsford Wastewater Stabilization Lagoon is located within the White Earth Indian Reservation, Ponsford (Pine Point Community), Minnesota, Becker County. The White Earth Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 5 is issuing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. MN-0059439-6, under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), for discharge from the Ponsford Wastewater Stabilization Lagoon. The discharge from this facility is located within the exterior boundaries of the White Earth Indian Reservation. The receiving water for the discharge is Mission Lake 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 C.F.R. § 131.8. Where a Tribe does not have TAS, EPA is the certifying authority. The White Earth Nation 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, as authorized by the NPDES permit for the Ponsford Wastewater Stabilization Lagoon will comply with applicable water quality requirements, as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 121.1(j).

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