



# WHITE EARTH RESERVATION

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Katrina Kessler, Commissioner  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
520 Lafayette Road  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Subject: White Earth Support of the State Minnesota's CPRG Coalition Proposal for Equitable Residential Decarbonization (Award Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Commissioner Kessler,

The White Earth Nation plans to partner with the State of Minnesota, including the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and other state agencies involved in the proposal, to implement the suite of equitable residential decarbonization programs in your agency's proposal.

We are excited to have this proposal moving forward as a coalition because we see the work of residential decarbonization happening most effectively as a collaboration between the State and Tribal Government with support from community-based groups.

We anticipate participating in the proposed work through active engagement in developing and refining programming to effectively deliver on the purpose of ensuring low-income and disadvantaged communities are centered and prioritized in the work of decarbonizing all homes in Minnesota and within the White Earth Nation. At a minimum, this means we will:

- actively participate in the four annual convenings described in the proposal,
- share information and resources into our community to build awareness about programs and home decarbonization opportunities,
- share relevant information from our community as part of program development and to improve programming and results over time.
- Contribute in specific ways identified through our engagement with this process and work

White Earth is excited about equitable residential decarbonization work because it aligns with our Nation's values of protecting the environment for future generations. In particular, White Earth can bring the perspective of indigenous communities and engage our community members in this important work.

Sincerely,

Curtis Rogers, Deputy Director  
White Earth Band of Ojibwe