



LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE

DIVISION OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

March 7th 2024

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

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

Dear Commissioner Kessler,

We at the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe's Division of Resource Management (DRM) plan 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 state and local governments with support from community-based groups. Local government connect more effectively with individual community members to move forward on individual implementation while state government can more effectively provide backbone support and programming to foster learning and scale impact.

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. Specifically, the DRM is interested in ensuring that workforce development activities vital to this proposal's success are neither underestimated nor under-addressed. This point is absolutely critical to the decarbonization of Greater Minnesota, as well as rural and Tribal lands across the country.

At a minimum, this means we will:

- actively participate in the four annual convenings described in the proposal,

- share information and resources from state and local government into the communities we serve to build awareness about programs and home decarbonization opportunities,
- share information from the communities we serve to state program staff and relevant local government staff 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

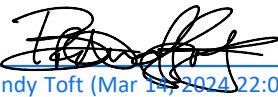
The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is excited about equitable residential decarbonization work because it aligns with our mission - the protection of the water, land, forest, fish, wildlife, plants and other natural and cultural resources present upon the Leech Lake Reservation. In particular, our organization can bring the perspective of Tribal Nations, Band Members, and LIDACs in rural Minnesota.

Finally, the DRM is designating Eugene Strowbridge, our Sustainability Coordinator, as the point of contact for this proposal. His contact information is as follows:

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Sincerely,



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