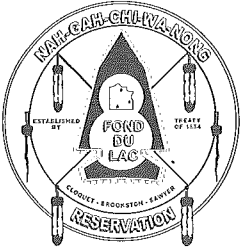


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Notice of Public Hearing and Consultation Sessions on Proposed Class I Redesignation

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Ms. Cathy Stepp
Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
101 S. Webster Street; P.O. Box 7921
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Dear Ms. Stepp:

On August 4, 2014, the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa ("the Band") announced to tribal, state and local municipal governments and federal land managers its intent to apply to the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") to redesignate its reservation lands to Class I air quality pursuant to Section 164(c) of the Clean Air Act. 40 CFR Part 52.21 requires consultation with tribes, states, local municipalities and Federal Land Managers. Under the procedural requirements for this process, the Band is required to hold a public hearing and to notify potentially affected governmental entities at least 30 days prior to the hearing.

The Band has scheduled a public hearing to be held at Black Bear Casino Resort in Carlton, Minnesota, on Thursday, October 2nd, 2014. The hearing will take place in the Otter Creek Room from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Informational sessions will take place at 2 p.m. and at 6 p.m., after which interested parties may sign up for five minute segments in which to submit oral comments. Comments may also be submitted in writing, either at the hearing or to the Fond du Lac Air Program offices. The public comment period will be open through October 13, 2014. Written and oral comments will be given equal weight.

At this time, the Band seeks to redesignate only the lands within the exterior boundaries of its reservation. Below please find a link that will provide you access to our technical support document, an economic study and a modeling report that provide a description and analysis of the health, environmental, economic, social, and energy effects of the proposed reclassification that must be made available for public review at least 30 days before the required public hearing. Printed copies can also be accessed at the Cloquet, Superior, and Duluth (Main Branch) libraries. Under the redesignation procedure

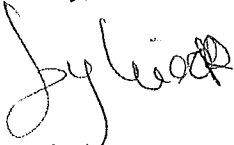
outlined in 40 CFR Part 52.21, and according to recently released guidance from the EPA, an Indian governing body is empowered to initiate redesignation requests provided that they adhere to the following administrative procedures:

- Hold at least one public hearing before submitting the redesignation request.
- Notify other tribes, states and federal land managers of areas that may be affected by the redesignation at least 30 days before the hearing.
- Consult with local and other sub-state general purpose governments in the area (e.g., cities, counties, local agencies).
- Prepare a description and analysis of the health, environmental, economic, social, and energy effects of the proposed reclassification that must be made available for public review at least 30 days before the required public hearing.
- Consult with any states the reservation is located within and that border the reservation. Supporting documentation can be found at (<http://www.fdlrez.com/newnr/environ/airclass1.htm>).

Additionally, Fond du Lac has offered to consult with any potentially affected governmental unit regarding this proposed action. We are planning to hold three general consultation sessions for this purpose. These sessions will be held at Black Bear Casino Resort on October 8th, 9th, and 10th, 2014. For the sake of efficiency, we have broken these down by government type, although governmental entities can feel free to attend whichever session works best in their schedule, with the exception that the tribal session is for tribal entities only. We have set aside the morning of October 8th from 9:00 a.m. to noon for consultation with cities and townships. The session for counties will be on October 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with a break from noon to 1:00 p.m. The session for state and federal agencies will be on October 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with a break from noon to 1:00 p.m. The afternoon of October 8th will be set aside for tribal agencies from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please contact Alex Jackson, Air Program Coordinator, at Class1Air@fdlrez.com with further questions.

Sincerely,



Joy Wiecks
Air Quality Technician