

BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

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Clean Air Act Redesignation Public Hearings, Public Comment, and Consultation

The Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa first mailed a notification letter on 7 May 2014 of the intent to redesignate the air quality status on the Reservation in northern Wisconsin from Class II to Class I. This proposed change will help the Tribe protect its air quality and allow the Tribe to develop land use plans that are compatible with tribal cultural beliefs and its renewable resources.

This second letter is to serve as notification that the Class I Analysis Technical Report is being made available for public review and to set dates for public hearings and consultations.

Under the redesignation process described in 40 CFR Part 52.21, three important steps in the redesignation process must occur:

1. Tribal request to U.S. EPA must be made publically known in the surrounding affected area, and consultation with the Federal agencies, and State and local governments must occur.
2. A discussion of the reasons for the redesignation must be prepared which will analyze the effects this redesignation will have on the health, environment, economic, social, and energy impacts of the redesignation area. This report must be made available at least 30 days prior to the mandatory public hearing held on the proposed redesignation.
3. A public hearing must be held, comments taken on the redesignation, and then addressed.

On Friday, 16 January 2015, the Class I Analysis Technical Report will be digitally posted on the website of the Bad River Band for download and review. A printed copy will be available for review in the Library located the Bad River Administration Building.

Shortened website URL: <http://x.co/BRair>

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The public comment period will open 08:00 a.m. on Friday, 16 January 2015 and close at 04:30 p.m. on Friday, 1 May 2015. Comments may be submitted via email to class1air@badriver-nsn.gov or in writing to:

Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
C/O Class I Air
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Public hearings have been scheduled, which will include a brief presentation and will be an opportunity to give input and comments about the Bad River Class I Redesignation. Written comments during the public comment period and verbal comments submitted at the public hearings will be given equal weight.

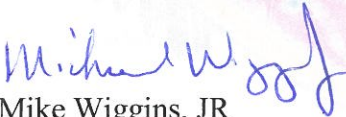
Wednesday, 18 March 2015, 05:00 p.m. to 08:00 p.m.
Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, Ashland, Wisconsin

Thursday, 19 March 2015, 05:00 p.m. to 08:00 p.m.
Bad River Housing Authority Gathering Room, Odanah, Bad River Reservation

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is invited to participate in a consultation meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 17 March 2015 from 01:00 p.m. until 05:00 p.m. at the Bad River Health and Wellness Center Conference Room in Odanah, Bad River Reservation.

Please contact Nathan Kilger at airquality@badriver-nsn.gov by Monday, 2 March 2015, to discuss meeting details and confirm your agency's attendance.

Sincerely,


Mike Wiggins, JR
Chairman