

PUBLIC NOTICE

On July 6, 2011, the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians adopted Water Quality Standards (WQS). One of the three key components of the WQS is an antidegradation policy, which protects existing uses and prevents clean waters from being unnecessarily degraded. Under the antidegradation policy, each waterbody is assigned to a tier that provides a basis for addressing activities that would, or have the potential to, lower the quality of a body of water. Tiers identified in the Tribe's antidegradation policy include: Outstanding Tribal Resource Waters (Tier 3 waters), Outstanding Resource Waters (Tier 2.5 waters), and Exceptional Resource Waters (Tier 2 waters).

New or increased discharges may be allowed in Outstanding Resource Waters and Exceptional Resource Waters if the applicable antidegradation demonstration and decision requirements are met. Refer to provisions E.3.i., E.4.ii., E.4.iii., and E.5.i. in the Tribe's WQS.

The Tribe seeks comments on the proposed antidegradation decision related to the Kinnic Kinnic Playground Installation Project, which has the potential to impacts to Exceptional Resource Waters (Tier 2 waters).

The potential increase loading associated with this project may occur during the construction phase. To minimize the potential loading that may occur during the construction phase, appropriate temporary erosion and sedimentation controls will be properly installed and maintained until soils are adequately stabilized.

As the Kinnic Kinnic Playground Installation Project meets the antidegradation demonstration requirements and decision criteria described in the Tribe's WQS, the proposed antidegradation decision is an approval of this project if implemented in a manner consistent with conditions attached to minimize potential impacts to the water resources. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Water Resources Specialist at (715) 682-7123 or wqs@badriver-nsn.gov. Written comments can be sent via email or post office to:

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Comment deadline is August 10, 2016.