

July 18, 2016

Frank Cloutier, Chief
Saginaw Chippewa Tribe
7070 East Broadway
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858

RE: Invitation to Consult on the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Sites

Dear Chief Cloutier:

During EPA Region 5's Tribal Environmental Program Management Conference on April 6, 2016, EPA met with Michael Fisher, Saginaw Chippewa Tribe's Water Resources Technician, and discussed the importance of working together with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe to establish a process to address the numerous Leaking Underground Storage Tanks Sites (LUST) located on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Isabella Reservation. Following our meeting, EPA emailed Mr. Fisher a list of LUST sites on the Isabella Reservation, entitled "Saginaw Chippewa Open LUST Sites 4-6-16." On May 17, 2016, Sherry Kamke and Robert Egan of EPA's Underground Storage Tank Section and Mr. Fisher toured several of the LUST sites.

By this letter, EPA is inviting the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe to formally consult with EPA on evaluating the adequacy of the completed cleanup activities and/or the existing institutional controls for federal program purposes at the Department of Public Works site (DPW Site) and the Speedway #8811 site (Speedway Site) located at 13013 North Franklin, Mount Pleasant, Michigan and 1018 East Pickard Road, Mount Pleasant, Michigan, respectively. EPA has already sent a technical memorandum summarizing information related to extent and risk of the current contamination at the Speedway Site to Mr. Fisher. A memorandum and technical information on the DPW Site will be forthcoming and provided directly to Mr. Fisher. Any consultation and coordination between EPA and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe will comply with *Executive Order 13175 – Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments* and with the *EPA Policy on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes*.

If the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe accepts EPA's offer to consult, we would like to invite you, any interested Council Members, and your Tribal Natural Resource Department Staff to participate in a conference call with EPA. We would anticipate holding this call during the week of August 1, 2016. This consultation will focus on evaluating the adequacy of the cleanup activities including

any associated technical or other issues facing EPA and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, and understanding any Tribal concerns regarding the Sites and possible next steps. We would also like to begin a broader conversation on how best to address the other LUST sites on Isabella Reservation. After this consultation, EPA would like to continue coordinating with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe on Speedway, the DPW Sites and other LUST sites included on the list provided to Mr. Fisher. Please note, whether or not the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe accepts EPA's offer to consult on the Speedway and DPW Sites, EPA plans to coordinate with the Tribe on these LUST sites as well as other LUST sites on the Isabella Reservation and share technical information.

I invite you or your designated consultation representative to contact me or Sherry Kamke, who is the EPA Region 5 project lead and will be responsible for arranging the consultation and coordinating with the Tribe. Ms. Kamke can be reached at (312) 353-5794 or by email at kamke.sherry@epa.gov.

I look forward to discussing future steps for this site and other sites on the Isabella Reservation.

Sincerely,

/s/

Margaret M. Guerriero, Director
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Enclosure

cc: Michel Fisher, Water Resources Technician, Saginaw Chippewa Tribe
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