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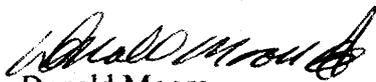
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Dear Administrator Skinner:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the air quality designation for the PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standard. We have examined the data provided to us by the USEPA for Wisconsin's Vilas and Douglas counties. These are the closest counties to the Bad River Reservation with the most recent (2000-2002) fine particulate matter data. Based upon the data from the last three years the design values established for both counties are 5.8 and 8.0 respectively. These areas would likely be classified as attainment as they meet the PM_{2.5} standard annual arithmetic mean. However, the Tribe recognizes the significant distance between the before mentioned counties and the exterior boundaries of the Bad River Reservation. Based on the data given for Vilas and Douglas Counties and the fact that Bad River's fine particulate monitors do not yet have 3 years worth of data, the Tribe wishes to recommend an air quality designation of Attainment/ Unclassifiable for the PM_{2.5} Standard.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ervin Soulier, Natural Resources Manager or Lynn Hall, Air Quality Specialist at (715) 682-7123.

Sincerely,



Donald Moore
Tribal Chairman

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