April 18, 2017

Chad Konickson
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
St. Paul District
180 Fifth Street East, Suite 700
St. Paul, MN 55101-1678

Re: Request for Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification for the U.S. Army Corps of
Engineers, 2017 Nationwide Permits.

Dear Mr. Konickson,

The Sokaogon Chippewa Community, Natural Resources Board, has completed our
review and public notice process regarding your request regarding the U.S. Army Corps of
Engineers reissuance of the Nationwide Permits, general conditions, and definitions with some
modifications

The Natural Resources Board has made a decision on April 18, 2017 to deny the Section
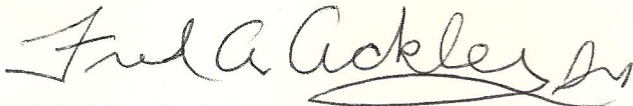401 certification for the Nationwide Permits for the following reason:

1.   In our water quality standards we have Outstanding National Resource Water and
Exceptional High Quality Water anti-degradation classification which prohibits
direct discharges to surface waters within reservations boundaries. We felt the
general permit would not be consistent with the way we intend to implement our
water quality standards and administrative ordinance. Therefore, we prefer to
evaluate all future projects on a case-by-case basis, and apply for individual
NPDES permits if necessary;

However, we will grant certification for nationwide permit, number 20-Response
Operations for Oil and Hazardous Substances, 37-Emergency Watershed Protection and
Rehabilitation and 38-Cleanup of Hazardous and Toxic Waste.

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If you have any questions please feel free to contact Tina L. Van Zile, Environmental Program Director at 715-478-7605.

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Fred Ackley, Jr., Natural Resources Board Member

Gloria Toyebo II, Natural Resources Board Member

George Van Zile Jr., Natural Resources Board Member

Ron Quade, Natural Resources Board Member

Cc: Chris McGeshick, Sokaogon Chippewa Tribal Chairman
Tina L. Van Zile, Environmental Program Director