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Lawrence Starfield, Acting Regional Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
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Re: National Ground Level 8-Hour Ozone Standard Designation

Dear Mr. Starfield:

The Pueblo de San Ildefonso received a letter from EPA dated 1/20/09, explaining the process for designating areas either in attainment, unclassifiable, or nonattainment for the national ground level ozone standard (which was lowered from an 8-hour standard of 84 ppb to 75 ppb on 3/12/08). EPA is required to designate all geographic areas in the U.S. with one of these 3 designations. Tribes may recommend a designation based on available ozone monitoring data, but are not required to do so. EPA asked that if we were interested in participating in the process, to respond by 3/12/09.

In both 2004 and 2005, EPA provided equipment and analysis for passive ozone screening at a number of sites in Region 6, including the Pueblo de San Ildefonso. Twenty-four hour sampling was conducted on weekdays in July and August of each year.

To summarize the sampling results for the Pueblo: In 2004, the highest 24-hour average was 52 ppb, and the average was 38 ppb; and in 2005, the highest 24-hour average was 55 ppb, and the average was 36 ppb. All figures are well below the new standard of 75 ppb, and correlate with other samples taken in the area.

We expect that these averages have not changed significantly in the last few years, so we would ask that EPA designate the Pueblo de San Ildefonso (that is, the area within the external boundaries of the Pueblo) to be "in attainment" regarding the national ground level ozone standard. Please contact Mr. Neil Weber, Director of the Department of Environmental and Cultural Preservation at (505) 455-4119 if you have any questions, need additional information, or require additional action on the part of the Pueblo. As always, we thank EPA for all the assistance you provide.

Sincerely,

Leon T. Roybal
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Cc.: Chris Moquino, Tribal Administrator
Neil Weber, DECP Director
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