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Laura Yoshii
Acting Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 9
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

RE: The Tohono O'odham Nation's Recommendations for Area Designation for the Revised NAAQS 8 Hour Ozone

Dear Ms. Yoshii,

At this time we appreciate the opportunity to submit this recommendation under Section 107(d) of the Clean Air Act for the area designation for the Tohono O'odham Nation ("Nation") under the March 12, 2008 8-hour ozone standard promulgated by EPA. This letter recommends that the area within the exterior boundaries of the Nation should be designated as attainment/unclassifiable for the 8-hour ozone standard. The boundaries of the Nation are those defined as covering 2.8 million acres within Pima, Pinal, and Maricopa Counties to include the newly acquired parcel within the boundaries of Glendale, Arizona in Maricopa County.

In FY2009 the Nation received a CAA (103) grant to assist in development of a Needs Assessment and Emission Inventory. At this time the Nation does not have sufficient data to support the designation of being in nonattainment but to be deemed as attainment/unclassifiable.

The Nation continues to be committed to working with EPA to find the optimum strategies for protecting human health and the environment from the effects of air pollution. If you have questions about any aspects of this letter or need additional information please contact Lorinda Sam, Environmental Protection Office Manager or Aaran Lopez, Environmental Specialist, at (520) 383-8113.

Sincerely,

Ned Norris Jr., Chairman
Tohono O'odham Nation

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