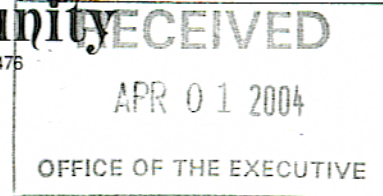


# Swinomish Tribal Community

A Federally Recognized Indian Tribe Organized Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 476

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John Iani  
U. S. EPA Regional Administrator  
Region 10  
1200 Sixth Street  
Seattle, WA 98101

**Subject: We are proposing Attainment/Unclassifiable designation.**

Dear: Mr. Iani

The Swinomish Indian Tribal Community (SITC) in exercising our inherent sovereign authority over our air shed, designates our air shed as attainment/unclassifiable. The SITC recommends that all lands within the executive boundaries of the Swinomish Reservation be classified as attainment /unclassifiable areas for PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS. The entire lands within the Swinomish Reservation boundaries shall be designated as attainment/unclassifiable.


Although, no PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitoring has been conducted on the Reservation we believe we meet the PM<sub>2.5</sub> standards. The PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitoring station nearest to our Reservation is approximately 12 miles east of the Swinomish Reservation. It is our Tribe's goal to maintain the good air quality and strives to protect the air resources for future generations. We also would like to recommend that all Swinomish "Usual and Accustomed areas" be designated as attainment/unclassifiable. These areas are in Washington State.

**Our decision is based on the following factors.**

- Insufficient Monitoring Data
- Data Gaps
- International Boundary
- Suspect Proposed TIP will be more stringent than that of Washington state's SIP
- Don't have the Necessary Monitoring Equipment to Capture Data
- Air Basin Information Not Conclusive

If you have any questions regarding these recommendations please contact Dr. Tony Basabe, Swinomish Air Quality Analyst, at (360) 466-2512.

Regards,

  
Brian Cladoosby, Tribal Chairman