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Robert E. Roberts
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Dear Mr. Roberts,

The Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation (NWBSN) is submitting our comments regarding the Designations for the Fine Particle National Ambient Air Quality Standards by EPA and the memorandum from Jeffrey R. Holmstead requesting tribes to provide recommended designations. We are providing the following input in this designation process:

- Presently the NWBSN believes we are consistent with section 6102 (c) in which designations should be based on monitored data from reference (or equivalent) methods... and since we do not have three years of data set, we recommend that we be classified as "attainment/unclassifiable" based on the unavailability of data.
- Once there is sufficient data as stated in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) of 1998 the NWBSN Tribal Council may seek to "update our initial designation recommendation" and/or comment further on the Designations for the Fine Particle National Ambient Air Quality Standards.
- The NWBSN is encouraged that EPA Region VIII is able to help "setup" our current monitoring infrastructure for Ozone and PM 2.5 starting in FY 2004, which will help determine the status of our air shed, utilizing "actual" science.

Sincerely,

Gwen T. Davis
Tribal Chairperson
Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation

CC: Kenneth Timbana, Environmental Protection Specialist
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DATE: February 3, 2004

TO: Gwen T. Davis Tribal Chair

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SUBJECT: Signature for PM 2.5 Designation

Enclosed you will find the letter the has been drafted on behalf of the NWBSN to the EPA commenting on the Fine Particulate (PM2.5) designation process. At this time without sufficient data to support a cause the NWBSN Washakie Reservation is currently attainment/unclassifiable. I have made the point in the letter and also that we do intend to start monitoring for ozone and PM 2.5 in 2004.

When the original letter is signed can you send the signed letter to EPA Region VIII in the self addressed envelope. The three file copy Signed Documents can be sent back to me.

If you have any questions on this letter don't hesitate to give me a call.

Thank you,

Jason S. Walker
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