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Mr. Wayne Nastri
Regional Administrator
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Dear Mr. Nastri,

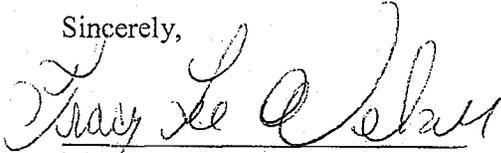
Thank you for the opportunity to submit a recommendation for the areas under the jurisdiction of the La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians (LJB) for the PM-2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standard. In accordance with the provisions in the Clean Air Act the La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians recommends that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency designate the area within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation as unclassifiable for the PM-2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standard.

This recommendation is based on several factors. Since July of 2007 the La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians has been conducting a baseline study for PM-2.5 and the preliminary data so far has shown that the air quality on the Reservation is well within the new standard for PM-2.5. The nearest air monitor for San Diego County is in Escondido, over 30 miles from the Reservation, and the topography in the intervening area is very mountainous and likely provides a barrier to atmospheric drift. The population density of the Reservation is very low and the surrounding area is rural in nature with little commercial development and no major emission sources. Sources likely to emit significant amounts of fine particulates are not present on the Reservation. Additionally the prevailing weather patterns bring winds from the East which is the least populated area of San Diego County and will likely contain minimal amounts of particulate matter.

This information leads the La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians to believe that a classification of unclassifiable is justified and recommended. The Tribe will be continuing to collect baseline PM-2.5 data and will be applying for funding from the U.S. EPA under Section 105 of the Clean Air Act to conduct an emissions inventory and to develop an ongoing air quality monitoring program that will collect three years worth of data in order to make a final recommendation regarding the air quality on the Reservation.

The Tribe looks forward to continuing our work with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on the issue of air quality and to receiving a response to this recommendation.

Sincerely,



Mr. Tracy Lee Nelson
Tribal Chairman
La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians

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