

REGIONAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
Region VII



Iowa Tribe of Kansas  
and Nebraska  
White Cloud, Kansas

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Kansas  
Horton, Kansas

Omaha Tribe of  
Nebraska  
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Ponca Tribe of  
Nebraska  
Omaha, Nebraska

Prairie Band of  
Potawatomi Indians  
Mayetta, Kansas

Sac & Fox Tribe of the  
Mississippi in Iowa  
Tama, Iowa

Sac & Fox Nation of  
Missouri  
Reserve, Kansas

Santee Sioux Tribe of  
Nebraska  
Niobrara, Nebraska

Winnebago Tribe of  
Nebraska  
Winnebago, Nebraska

April 12, 2004

Mr. Jim Gulliford  
Regional Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7  
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Kansas City, KS 66101

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SUBJECT: Recommendation for Unclassifiable Designation for the Tribes in Region 7

Dear Mr. Gulliford:

We are writing in response to your letter dated August 2003. Thank you for the opportunity to provide a recommendation for the airshed designation in Indian Country. On behalf of each of the Sovereign Governments of the Region 7 Tribes, we are pleased to provide a recommendation that helps to address the unique needs of Indian country.

As provided in Sections 301(d) and 1110(o) of the Clean Air Act, and in exercising our inherent sovereign authority over our airsheds, we recommend a designation of **unclassifiable** for PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS for all tribal lands under tribal jurisdiction.

As limited PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitoring has been conducted by the Sac and Fox and Omaha reservations in Region 7, we believe there is insufficient monitoring data to designate our airsheds either in attainment or in non-attainment.

It is our goal to maintain the good air quality and strive to protect the air resources for future generations. We also would like to recommend that all tribal territories to which the Region 7 Tribes hold interest be designated as unclassifiable. These lands are in Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, and Missouri.

If you have any questions regarding these recommendations, please contact me at 402-846-5166. We look forward to a continued dialogue with you about the designation of our area for the PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard.

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Regards,

Tony Provost  
ROC Chairman

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