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**SUBJECT: Recommendation for Unclassifiable Designation
for the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in KS and NE**

Dear Mr. Gulliford:

In response to your letter dated July, 2003, thank you for the opportunity to provide a recommendation for air quality designation for the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri tribal lands. On behalf of the sovereign government of the Sac and Fox Nation, we are pleased to provide a recommendation that helps to address the unique needs of Indian country.

The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri are of Algonquian origin and Woodland culture. Each people, the Sauk and the Fox, were originally two distinct groups. During the 1700's, a French attack on the Fox caused the two tribes to join forces and form a close alliance.

Through the years the Sac and Fox Nation has been located in Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska. One of the largest villages in North America was "Saukenuk" which was located between the Rock and Mississippi Rivers in Illinois. At one time, it included approximately 4,000 Sac and Fox tribal members. Today the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri has a total enrollment of only 441 Tribal members.

It is our Tribe's goal to maintain the good air quality and strive to protect the air resources for future generations. Due to limited PM_{2.5} monitoring on tribal lands, we believe there is insufficient data to designate our air sheds as either in attainment or in non-attainment.

As provided in Sections 301(d) and 1110(o) of the Clean Air Act and in exercising our inherent sovereign authority over our air shed, we recommend a designation

of unclassifiable for PM_{2.5} NAAQS for all tribal lands under the jurisdiction of the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri.

We look forward to a continued dialogue with you about the designation of our area for the PM_{2.5} standard. If you have any questions regarding these recommendations, please contact our Environmental Director, Gina Kneib, at (785) 742-4707.

Sincerely,

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