PUEBLO of JEMEZ

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Mr. Cooke,

On behalf of the Pueblo of Jemez I am submitting the following comments in regards to the designation of the 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

In cooperation with the U.S EPA Region 6, the Pueblo of Jemez has initiated various ambient air quality assessment initiatives. Our efforts to date include;

1. Air Emissions Inventory Report (1998)
2. PM2.5 Ambient Air Monitoring Project (CY2000-2003) *in progress*
3. Meteorological Monitoring Project (CY2002-2003) *in progress*

Having reviewed the assessment work performed by the Pueblo over the past three years it is apparent that data has not been collected to make an accurate assessment of current ozone air quality conditions. Therefore because of the lack of data, 8-hour ozone air quality conditions for the Pueblo of Jemez must be documented as **Unclassifiable**.

By working cooperatively with EPA Region 6, I am hopeful that the Pueblo of Jemez will develop a solid understanding of current or *baseline* ambient air quality conditions. With this information, our Pueblo will be properly equipped to address air quality changes that may develop in the near and distant future.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact me or Mr. Mehrdad Khatibi of my staff at (505) 834-7696.

Sincerely,

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Governor

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