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Subject: Proposed Unclassifiable Designation for PM 10/2.5 for the Pala Band of Mission Indian Reservation.

Dear: Mr. Nastri

The goals of the Pala Band of Mission Indian are to maintain good air quality, strive to protect the air resources for future generations, and exercise our inherent sovereign authority over our air shed as provided in sections 301(d) and 110(o) of the Clean Air Act. The Pala Band of Mission Indian recommends that the lands within the exterior boundaries of the reservation be classified and designated as Unclassifiable Area for the Particulate Matter, (PM-10) and (PM-2.5) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

The Pala Band of Mission Indian Reservation currently occupies approximately 12,000 acres. The reservation is located in Southern California, San Diego County, on the San Luis Rey River, approximately 30 miles east of the Pacific Ocean and approximately 60 miles north east of the city of San Diego. The current population is approximately 1,200 members. Pala is situated in a valley with livestock ranches on the western side boundaries of the reservation, citrus groves, gravel and sand pits operations on the eastern part of the reservation, and a casino/hotel complex, and a two 2 lane state highway crossing the reservation.

The Pala EPA is currently conducting PM 10 and PM 2.5 monitoring with a co-located Andersen Dichot 241-CU Sampler. Sampling data has been generated for one and a half year, but the required 3 years worth of data has not been collected. Current information indicates that the reservation will meet the NAAQS. The Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) is currently being updated for the PM 10 and 2.5 monitoring. The other nearest monitoring stations to our reservation is located in Escondido, 15 miles south of Pala.

If you have, any questions regarding these recommendations please contact:

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We look forward to a continued dialogue with you about the designation of our area for the PM standard.

Regards,

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Tribal Chairman