



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

May 18, 2011

Mr. James B. Martin, Regional Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency- Region 8
1595 Wynkoop Street (Mail Code: 8RA)
Denver, CO 80202-112

Re: Area Designations for the 2010 Revised Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards

Dear Mr. Martin,

Thank you for providing the opportunity for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe ("Tribe") to participate in the establishment of area designations for the 2010 revised sulfur dioxide ("SO₂") National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The Tribe understands that under § 107(d)(1)(A) of the Clean Air Act, areas may be designated as "nonattainment" (areas that either do not meet the standard, or are contributing to a nearby area that does not meet the standard), "attainment" (areas that meet the standard), or "unclassifiable" (areas where there is insufficient information to make a determination).

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe respectfully recommends the EPA to designate the lands within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation as "unclassifiable" for the 2010 revised SO₂ NAAQS. The Tribe's Air Quality Program maintains the only two ambient air quality monitoring stations operating within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation. The Tribe does not monitor for SO₂ but continues to monitor for four other criteria pollutants, which includes nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), ozone (O₃), fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), and carbon monoxide (CO), all of which are meeting the current NAAQS. Also, there are no large sources of SO₂ emissions within the Reservation. Therefore, there is insufficient information to make an area designation other than "unclassifiable" for the 2010 revised SO₂ NAAQS within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

Please contact Mr. Thomas Johnson (Environmental Programs Division Head) at (970)563-0135 or Mrs. Brenda Jarrell (Air Quality Program Manager) at (970)563-4705 if you have any questions regarding the Tribe's recommendation.

Sincerely,

Pearl E. Casias, Chairman
Southern Ute Indian Tribe

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