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Mr. Jared Blumenfeld, Regional Administrator
EPA Region 9
75 Hawthorne Street
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RE: National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Nitrogen Dioxide

Dear Mr. Blumenfeld:

I am writing in response to your letter dated November 12, 2010. As you indicated, EPA is required to make initial designations within two years of the promulgation of new air quality standards. The Pala Band of Mission Indians is appreciative of the opportunity to recommend to you concerning the initial designation of our Reservation.

Our environmental department has been sampling the ambient air on our Reservation for nearly 10 years now. While we do not sample for Nitrogen Dioxide, we are confident, based on the parameters for which we do sample, that our existing air quality is excellent. We therefore submit our recommendation that the Pala Indian Reservation be designated as being in attainment for Nitrogen Dioxide.

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to comment on this matter and trust that you will give careful consideration to our recommendation.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Smith
Chairman