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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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Hazel Hindsley
Chairwoman
St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin
24663 Angeline Avenue
Webster, Wisconsin 54893

Re: Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Tribal Grants
Request For Proposals #EPA-R5-2009-11-21

Dear Chairwoman Hindsley:

On September 26, 2008, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, Air and Radiation Division (ARD) issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Tribal air grants for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009. ARD staff reviewed, scored, and assessed the proposals that were submitted in response to the RFP. I regret to inform you that the Tribe's proposal was not selected for further consideration. This year, Region 5's allocation for distribution to Indian Tribes eligible for funding under the Clean Air Act is approximately $1,030,000. In response to our RFP, we received 17 proposals from Region 5 federally recognized tribes for a total request of over $1,600,000. Proposals evaluated but not selected under this funding announcement may be retained for a period of 6 months from date of selections for future awards if additional funds become available. Additionally, funding may be available from other EPA sources to fund your projects, i.e. General Assistance Program.

Because there were significantly more applications received than can be funded with available resources, the review panel had no choice but to eliminate some proposals from further consideration. These considerations are based entirely on the criteria and factors detailed in Section V of the RFP. If desired, you may arrange for a debriefing on this decision. For further information about the debriefing process and your dispute rights with respect to competition-related issues under the funding announcement, please refer to Section VI of the RFP.

I appreciate the efforts made by the Tribe in preparing the proposal and recognize that a significant amount of work is involved in putting together such a submission. I would like to extend my appreciation for participating, and encourage you to submit again in FY 2010.

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If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me or Sharleen Getschman, Wisconsin Tribal Grant Coordinator at (312) 353-3486; getschman.sharleen@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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