UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

FEB 10 2009

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Larry Romanelli
Tribal Ogema
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
375 River Street
Manistee, Michigan 49660

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

Dear Ogema Romanelli:

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 FY 2009. ARD staff reviewed, scored, and assessed the proposals that were submitted in response to the RFP, and I am pleased to inform you that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians proposal was selected for further consideration. This year, Region 5's allocation for distribution to Indian Tribes eligible for funding under Sections 103 and 105 of the Clean Air Act is approximately $1,030,000. In response to our RFP, we received 17 proposals from Region 5 federally recognized Tribes totaling over $1,600,000.

Your environmental staff will soon be contacted by a member of the ARD Tribal program staff to negotiate elements of your proposal before completion and submittal of a final grant application. EPA reserved the right to partially fund submissions by funding discrete activities, portions, or phases of the proposed projects. If EPA decides to partially fund the proposed project, it will do so in a manner that does not prejudice any applicants or affect the basis upon which the proposed project, or portion thereof, was evaluated and selected, and that maintains the integrity of the competition and the selection/evaluation process. Please keep in mind, this does not mean you are being offered a grant – only an EPA award official can make a monetary offer, however, your proposal being referred for further consideration is an important step toward an offer.

To begin your project on April 1, 2009, as scheduled, final grant applications must be submitted to Region 5 as soon as possible.

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Please send your signed, official FY 2009 grant application and work plan to:

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State and Tribal Planning Section Chief
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5
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Chicago, Illinois 60604

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me or Stephanie Cheaney, your Project Officer, at (312) 886-3509; cheaney.stephanie@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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