



**BIG PINE PAIUTE TRIBE OF THE OWENS VALLEY**  
*Big Pine Paiute Indian Reservation*

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Jared Blumenfeld, Regional Administrator  
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

Subject: Comments on Revised NAAQS for NO<sub>2</sub>

Dear Mr. Blumenfeld:

Thank you for notifying the Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley (Tribe) of the opportunity to comment prior to US EPA's designating lands as "attainment," "nonattainment," or "unclassifiable" with regard to strengthened National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Nitrogen Dioxide.

US Highway 395 bisects the Big Pine Indian Reservation, so the Tribe has some concern about NO<sub>2</sub> levels. Currently, however, NO<sub>2</sub> is not monitored on our Reservation. Therefore, the Tribe recommends the Big Pine Indian Reservation be designated as "unclassifiable."

The Tribe looks forward to results of EPA's planned near-roadway monitoring network. Please keep us informed of any proposed changes for our region.

Sincerely,

Virgil Moose  
Tribal Chairperson