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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF
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Robert Kewaygoshkum, Tribal Chairman
The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
2605 N. West Bayshore Drive
Peshawbestown, Michigan 49682

Dear Mr. Kewaygoshkum:

This letter is in response to your letter dated May 12, 2003, regarding 8-hour ozone designation recommendations for your tribal area. We understand from your letter that you will not be making a recommendation at this time because you believe there is currently not enough data from your monitor to support a recommendation. While this is true, recommendations are often based on nearby ozone monitors that have sufficient data and are representative of air quality in the area under consideration. Should you wish to review other available data and decide to make a recommendation, we will be accepting recommendations until July 15, 2003.

As you requested in your letter, we will continue to be involved with you and your tribe in this issue. My staff will continue to keep you informed of ozone issues in the State of Michigan and Lake Michigan basin, as well as on the issue of long range transport. We appreciate your participation in this process.

Very truly yours,

/s/ original signed by
Bharat Mathur

Thomas V. Skinner
Regional Administrator

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