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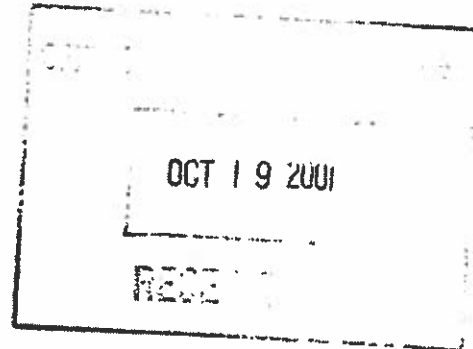
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Mr. Chad Smith  
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Dear Mr. Smith:

On November 19, 1999, the Cherokee Nation submitted an application to the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 for approval to administer and enforce training and certification requirements, training program accreditation requirements, and work practice standards for lead-based paint activities in target housing and child-occupied facilities under section 402 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

The Region has concluded its review of the Cherokee Nation's lead-based paint program authorization and Treatment as a State (TAS) application, and has determined that the Tribes program demonstrates that its program is at least as protective of human health and the environment as the Federal program and provides for adequate enforcement (section 404(b) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. 2684 et seq., 40 CFR 745.324), and is therefore approved for Cherokee Nation tribal trust lands as identified in the map submitted to Region 6 on May 12, 1999.

As required in 40 CFR 745.324(g) and (i); EPA shall periodically evaluate the adequacy of a Tribe's implementation and enforcement of its authorized programs. If EPA concludes that a Tribe is not administering and enforcing an authorized program in compliance with the standards, regulations and other requirements of sections 401 through 412 of TSCA, the Administrator shall notify the primary agency for the Tribe in writing and indicate EPA's intent to withdraw authorization of the program.

In addition, I would like to remind you that pursuant to 40 CFR 745.324(h) the primary agency for each Tribe that has an authorized program shall submit a written report to the EPA which contains the information outlined in 40 CFR 745.324(h)(1) and (2), and is due twelve months after the date of program authorization.

I would like to congratulate the Cherokee Nation on receiving approval to administer and enforce the training and certification requirements, training program accreditation requirements, and work practice standards for lead-based paint activities in target housing and child-occupied facilities.

Sincerely yours



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cc: Tom Elkins, Cherokee Nation