Dear Brenda,

Thank you for submitting the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s (the Tribe) proposed revisions concerning the Reservation Air Code (RAC) related to the title V operating permit program to EPA Region 8 on February 19, 2013. Additional documents related to these revisions were sent by the Tribe to EPA Region 8 via email on February 26, 2013, and a final request for review and approval was sent via email on May 31, 2013. Prior to requesting EPA approval, the Tribe issued public notice for these revisions on November 29, 2012 and accepted comments on the proposed revisions for 30 days thereafter. No public comments were received.

The Tribe’s original request for EPA review and approval included numerous minor revisions. Most of these revisions were administrative in nature, seeking to correct typographical errors and clarify well-settled RAC provisions.

On July 24, 2013, the Tribe again requested EPA’s approval of the proposed revisions to the RAC in writing. EPA Region 8 has conducted all necessary review and has concluded that all submitted revisions are non-substantial and do comply with the Clean Air Act and its implementing regulations. By way of this letter, EPA approves the Tribe’s revisions to the RAC originally submitted to the Agency on February 19, 2013 effective immediately.

We note that typically EPA Region 8 only responds to title V permitting authorities if proposed operating permit program changes are not acceptable. For any future changes to the Tribe’s RAC that EPA Region 8 approves, the Region plans to follow this present oversight procedure.

Thank You,
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