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Chad Smith
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Re:

Lead-based Paint Regulation Approval

Dear Chief Smith:

We have completed our review of the Cherokee Nation's recently adopted regulations for identifying lead-based paint hazards and clearance standards for dust, and concur that they are at least as protective as corresponding federal regulations found under 40 CFR Parts 745.61, 745.63, 745.65 and 745.227. Federal approval is hereby granted for these regulations.

On behalf of EPA, I wish to express our appreciation for the Cherokee Nation's prompt action in adopting these regulations which will strengthen the Nation's lead-based paint testing and abatement program.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please call me at 214-665-8124 or have your staff contact Brian Burgess at 214-665-7534.

Sincerely yours,

Carl E. Edlund, P.E.

Director

Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division (6PD)

cc: Shaun West Cherokee Nation

> Linda Donelson Cherokee Nation