



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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Mr. Kitcki Carroll  
Executive Director, USET  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.  
711 Stewarts Ferry Pike, Suite 100  
Nashville, Tennessee 37214

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Re: United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. Operator Certification Program Business Plan Review and Approval

Dear Mr. Carroll:

Thank you for submitting the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET) Operator Certification Program Business Plan (Business Plan) to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water for consideration as an EPA-approved tribal drinking water operator certification program. The EPA acknowledges USET's effort to establish this program in 2002 and to enhance it based on the EPA Tribal Drinking Water Operator Certification Program Final Guidelines (Guidelines). The Business Plan and additional edits submitted by USET have been reviewed by EPA to ensure compliance with all aspects of the Guidelines. EPA has determined that the Business Plan and submitted changes meet the seven Baseline Standards of the EPA's Guidelines.

We will continue to work with USET to ensure that the USET Operator Certification Program continues to meet the criteria necessary to remain an EPA-approved certification provider. If at any point it is determined that the USET Operator Certification Program no longer meets the criteria outlined in EPA's Guidelines, EPA reserves the right to revoke the approval of USET's certification program. Please feel free to contact my staff, Nicole Schindler at 202-564-3885, or [schindler.nicole@epa.gov](mailto:schindler.nicole@epa.gov), if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mindy Eisenberg".

Mindy Eisenberg, Acting Chief  
Protection Branch  
Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water