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PM Advance  
c/o Laura Bunte  
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Research Triangle Park, NC 27711

Dear Ms. Bunte:

The State of Montana in partnership with the Lewis & Clark County would like to participate in PM Advance with respect to Lewis & Clark County. We wish to join this partnership with EPA to preserve or improve the air quality in Lewis & Clark County, and we meet the program eligibility criteria, i.e.:

- (1) Lewis & Clark County is not currently a nonattainment area for the 1997 and/or 2012 annual fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and/or for the 2006 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS,
- (2) Lewis & Clark County consists of the city of Helena and East Helena located within Lewis & Clark county Montana,
- (3) The following air monitor(s) reflect the air quality in Lewis & Clark County: Helena-Rossiter Pump House Monitor (30-049-0026), and
- (4) Montana has submitted data for inclusion in the National Emissions Inventory.

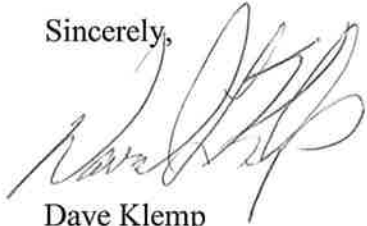
We understand that our efforts under PM Advance may benefit Lewis & Clark County by potentially:

- Reducing air pollution in terms of PM<sub>2.5</sub> as well as other air pollutants,
- Ensuring continued healthy PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels,
- Maintaining the PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS,
- Helping avoid violations of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS that could lead to a future nonattainment designation,
- Increasing public awareness about PM<sub>2.5</sub> as an air pollutant, and
- Targeting limited resources toward actions to address PM<sub>2.5</sub> problems quickly.

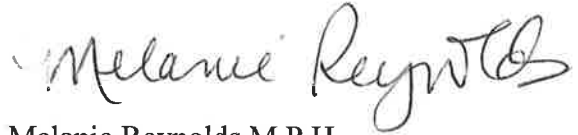
Our goal is to implement measures and programs to reduce PM<sub>2.5</sub> in Lewis & Clark County in the near term. We agree to that it is in our best interest to work together and in coordination with stakeholders and the public to proactively pursue this goal.

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Sincerely,



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