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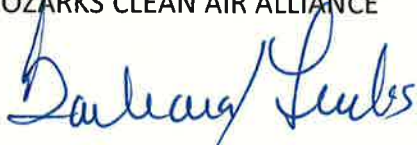
PM Advance  
c/o Laura Bunte  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards  
Mail Code C304-01, 109 TW Alexander Drive  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27711

Dear Ms. Bunte:

Please find enclosed the executed PM Advance letter for the Springfield, Missouri, area. We are looking forward to working with EPA and participating in the PM Advance Program.

Should you need further information, please feel free to contact me.

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Chair

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Dear Ms. Bunte:

The City of Springfield, Missouri, the Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO), and the Ozarks Clean Air Alliance (OCAA) would like to participate in the PM Advance program with respect to the Springfield metropolitan region and the future air quality planning area. We wish to join this partnership with EPA to preserve or improve the air quality in Springfield region, and we meet the program eligibility criteria, i.e.:

- (1) The Springfield area is currently in attainment of National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for the air pollutant, PM<sub>2.5</sub> (Fine Particulate Matter , particles  $\leq 2.5 \mu\text{m}$ ), and
- (2) The proposed PM Advance region includes the Springfield metropolitan region;
- (3) The following PM<sub>2.5</sub> air monitors reflect the air quality in our region:
  - a. Missouri State University (Greene Co.)
  - b. El Dorado Springs (Cedar Co.), and
- (4) Existing emissions inventory reporting requirements have been met, and
- (5) The OCAA currently participates in the USEPA's Ozone Advance program.

We understand that our efforts under PM Advance may benefit the Springfield region by potentially:

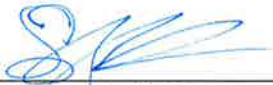
- Reducing air pollution in terms of PM<sub>2.5</sub> as well as other air pollutants,
- Ensuring continued healthy PM<sub>2.5</sub> level,
- Maintaining the PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS,
- Helping avoid violations of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS that could lead to a future nonattainment designation,

- Increasing public awareness about PM2.5 as an air pollutant, and
- Targeting limited resources toward actions to address PM2.5 problems quickly.

Our goal is to implement measures and programs to reduce PM2.5 in the Springfield region 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.

To discuss this further, please contact the Barbara Lucks, Chair of the Ozarks Clean Air Alliance, at (417) 864-2005 or by email at [blucks@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:blucks@springfieldmo.gov).


Sincerely,



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Ozarks Transportation Organization



Greg Burris  
City Manager  
City of Springfield



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Chair  
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