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Ozone Advance
Laura Bunte
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, C304-01
Research Triangle Park, NC 27711]

Dear Ms. Bunte:

The Heart of Texas Council of Governments would like to participate in Ozone Advance with respect to the region surrounding Waco, Texas. We wish to join this partnership with EPA to preserve or improve the air quality in the Heart of Texas, and we meet the program eligibility criteria, i.e.:

- (1) The Waco area is not currently a nonattainment area for either the 1997 8-hour or the 2008 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS),
- (2) The Waco area consists of McLennan County and surrounding areas,
- (3) The following air monitor(s) reflect the air quality in Waco: Waco Mazanec, and
- (4) Existing emissions inventory reporting requirements have been met.

We understand that our efforts under Ozone Advance may benefit the Waco area by potentially:

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

Our goal is to implement measures and programs to reduce ozone in the Waco area 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.

Our Air Quality staff, Megan Henderson and Angela Hughes, can be reached at 254-292-1800 and by e-mail via megan.henderson@hot.cog.tx.us and angela.hughes@hot.cog.tx.us. Please do not hesitate to contact either them or myself with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell Devorsky", is written over a large, stylized, circular scribble.

Russell Devorsky
Executive Director
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cc: Carrie Paige, Region 6

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