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To Whom It May Concern:

The State of Wyoming appreciates EPA's establishment of an Ozone Advance Program that will provide incentives for areas to achieve early reductions. We support EPA's efforts to recognize reductions to ozone emissions that occur prior to the formal nonattainment process.

Wyoming would like to sign up the Upper Green River Basin (UGRB) for a five-year ozone advance program term. Wyoming commits to expeditious coordination with EPA for the implementation of the Ozone Advance Program and the establishment of control measures to help reduce ozone concentrations.

The State has concerns regarding the establishment of a baseline date. Without knowing this date, it is difficult to understand how the Ozone Advance Program will be implemented in Wyoming. We encourage the development of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Regional EPA office to establish an appropriate baseline date to reflect Wyoming's unique circumstances. Agreeing on a baseline date early on in the process will help maximize the benefits of this program.

We believe that Wyoming is a strong candidate for this program. This sign-up letter precedes the official UGRB nonattainment designation, and Wyoming has met its reporting obligations for the national emissions inventory, with the most recent submission being December 28, 2011.

The guidance requires for states to identify monitor(s) that reflect or best represent the air quality in the area. Wyoming has an extensive ozone monitoring network in the UGRB proposed nonattainment area. The following ozone monitors are in place, and can be seen on the map in Attachment A: Big Piney, Boulder, Daniel, Juel Springs, Pinedale, and Wyoming Range.

We look forward to working with EPA in the subsequent stages of the Ozone Advance Program implementation.



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Sincerely,

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Attachment A

