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PM Advance

C/o 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 Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition would like to participate in the PM Advance. The Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition (MGCAC) is a coalition of thirteen cities and seven counties in Middle Georgia dedicated to maintaining and improving regional air quality, to protect the health of their citizens and to continue to grow the economy of Middle Georgia. We wish to join this partnership with EPA to preserve or improve the air quality in the Middle Georgia region, and we meet the program eligibility criteria, i.e.:

- [1] Middle Georgia is not currently a nonattainment area for the 1997 and/or 2012 annual fine particulate matter {PM^{2.5}} National Ambient Air Quality Standards {NAAQS} and/or for the 2006 24-hour PM^{2.5} NAAQS
- [2] The member counties in the MGCAC include Bibb, Crawford, Houston, Jones, Monroe, Peach and Twiggs.
- [3] The following air monitor(s) reflect the air quality in Middle Georgia:
 - **Macon – Allied Chemical:**
600 Guy Paine Road, Macon, Latitude/Longitude N32.77729/W-83.64120
 - **Macon – Georgia Forestry Commission:**
5645 Riggins Mill Road, Dry Branch, Latitude/Longitude: N32.805244/W-83.543628
 - **Warner Robins – Robins Air Force Base:**
Warner Robins, Latitude/Longitude: N32.605600/W-83.59907 (Memorial Park, directly across from the base.)

[4] Existing emissions inventory reporting requirements have been met. We understand that our efforts under PM Advance may benefit Middle Georgia by potentially:

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

Our goal is to implement measures and programs to reduce PM^{2.5} in the Middle Georgia region in the near term. We agree too that it is in our best interest to work together and in coordination with stakeholders and the public to proactively pursue this goal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tommy Stalnaker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tommy Stalnaker
Chairman
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