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July 21, 2015

Ozone Advance
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Dear Ms. Bunte,

The City of Joplin, MO, the Joplin Area Transportation Study Organization (JATSO) and the Four States Clean Air Alliance (FSCAA) officially requests to participate in the Ozone Advance program.

The intent is to utilize the existing structure of the Four States Clean Air Alliance membership, which includes local and tribal government, industry, academia, healthcare and environmental group representation from the Joplin metropolitan area as well as Cherokee County, Kansas and the Inter-Tribal Council, NE Oklahoma.

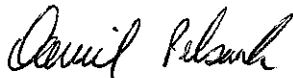
By participating in Ozone Advance, FSCAA seeks to preserve and improve the air quality in the Four States region comprised of southwest Missouri, southeast Kansas, northeast Oklahoma and northwest Arkansas. FSCAA meets the following basic program eligibility criteria:

- A. The Joplin metropolitan area, nor any of the FSCAA member entity areas, are not currently designated as nonattainment for either the 1997 8-hour or the 2008 ozone NAAQS.
- B. The proposed Ozone Advance region includes the Joplin metropolitan area, based in Jasper and Newton Counties, Missouri, as the core foundation for participation in this program, but is proposing inclusion of Cherokee County, Kansas and the Inter-Tribal Council, NE Oklahoma.
- C. The air monitoring station in Alba, MO, operated by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), serves this proposed Ozone Advance region.
- D. The MDNR maintains and reports on the inventory of existing emissions on a regular basis.

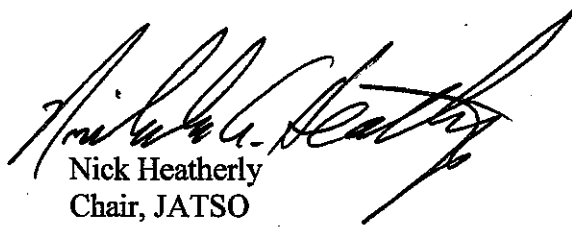
FSCAA strives to implement voluntary measures and programs to reduce ozone in the Joplin metro area with ongoing education and outreach to outlying urbanized areas. We will continue to encourage voluntary measures to raise awareness at citizen, industry and governmental levels about ground-level ozone issues.

We look forward to the opportunity to continue working with EPA in the improvement of air quality in the Four States region. Please contact Daniel Pekarek, Chair FSCAA if there are questions or if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,



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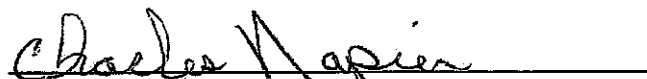
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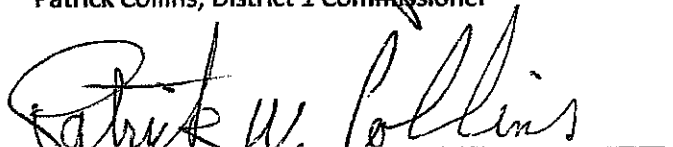
On behalf of Cherokee County, Kansas, the Board of County Commissioners discussed and desires to be included in the EPA Ozone Advance Program. By participating in the program we recognize the importance of seeking to preserve and improve the air quality in the identified Four States region. Furthermore, we delegate Carl Hayes, Cherokee County Environmentalist to represent Cherokee County, Kansas in all efforts of the Four States Clean Air Alliance and the EPA Ozone Advance Program.

Respectfully,

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners


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Patrick Collins, District 1 Commissioner


Charles Napier, District 2 Commissioner

June 17, 2015

Mr. Craig A. Kreman, E.I.
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Dear Craig:

Thank you for sharing your updates on the Four States Clean Air Alliance activities at the Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. Board of Directors meeting today. Based on the information you provided, the Tribal Leaders comprising the Board of Directors have discussed and accepted to be included in the EPA Ozone Advance Program and the public outreach efforts by the FSCAA.

Sincerely,

Helen Christie
Executive Director