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Ozone and PM Advance Program
C/O Laura Bunte
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Dear Ms. Bunte:

The Catawba Indian Nation would like to participate in the Ozone and PM 2.5 Advance programs. Currently the lands and respective air shed are classified by EPA as unclassifiable / attainment for both ozone and PM 2.5. The goal of the Ozone and PM 2.5 Advance Program is to encourage Tribes and States to take proactive steps to keep the air clean. The Catawba Indian Nation Environmental Department currently is monitoring ozone and PM 2.5. The Executive Committee and Environmental Department is committed to protecting and improving air quality within the Reservation and to the extent possible within the service area where Catawba Tribal members reside.

The Executive Committee understands that our efforts under the voluntary Ozone and PM 2.5 Advance Program may benefit Catawba Indian Nation Tribal members by potentially:

- Reducing air pollution especially ozone and PM 2.5 as well as other air pollutants,
- Ensuring continued healthy ozone and PM 2.5 levels
- Helping avoid violations of the ozone and PM 2.5 NAAQS that could lead to future nonattainment designation
- Increasing the community's awareness about ground-level ozone and PM 2.5 as an air pollutant,
- and Targeting limited resources toward actions to address ozone and PM 2.5 problems quickly.

As always, the Catawba Indian Nation appreciates the opportunity to continue to collaborate and partner with EPA to develop measures and programs necessary to protect and improve air quality for the Catawba Indian Nation.

Sincerely,


Chief William Harris

11.10.16

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