



February 23, 2017

Laura Bunte
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Dear Ms. Bunte:

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality would like to participate in the Ozone Advance Program with respect to Crittenden County, Arkansas. We wish to join this partnership with EPA to preserve or improve the air quality in Crittenden County and we meet the program eligibility criteria:

- (1) Crittenden County, Arkansas is not currently a nonattainment area for the 1997 or 2008 ozone national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). Governor Asa Hutchinson has recommended that Crittenden County be designated as an attainment area for the 2015 ozone NAAQS;
- (2) Crittenden County shares a common border with Shelby County, Tennessee, separated by the Mississippi River. Along with DeSoto County, Mississippi, these counties are considered the central counties of the Memphis, TN-MS-AR Metropolitan Statistical Area. Crittenden County is mostly rural, except for a small area that borders Shelby County, Tennessee. The air quality monitor is located in Marion, which is the county seat of Crittenden County;
- (3) The following air monitor reflects the air quality in Crittenden County: Marion (AQ5 ID 05-035-0005); and
- (4) Existing emissions inventory reporting requirements have been met.

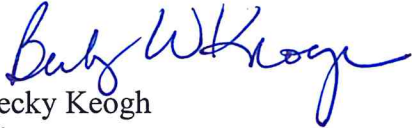
We understand that our efforts under Ozone Advance may benefit Crittenden County by potentially:

- 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 NAAQS that could lead to a future nonattainment designation;
- Increasing public awareness about 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 Crittenden County 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 pursue this goal proactively.

Please contact Stuart Spencer with any questions at (501) 682-0750 and by e-mail spencer@adeq.state.ar.us.

Sincerely,



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Director

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