

May 11, 2017

Advance Program 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 Central Texas Air, Information, and Research (CTAIR) Advisory Committee of the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) would like to participate in the Ozone Advance Program. The CTCOG region is comprised of local governments from seven counties within Central Texas: Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba. CTAIR is made up of representatives from these counties. CTAIR wishes to join this partnership with the EPA to preserve and improve the air quality within the CTCOG region. The following eligibility criteria have been met:

- 1. The CTCOG region is not currently a nonattainment area for either the 1997 8-hour or the 2008 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).
- 2. The CTCOG region consists of the seven counties listed in the above paragraph.
- 3. The following Continuous Ambient Monitoring Stations (CAMs) reflect the air quality within the CTCOG region: Site C1047 located at Skylark Field in Killeen, TX and Site C1045 located at West Temple Park (Georgia) in Temple, TX.
- 4. Existing emissions inventory reporting requirements have been met.

CTAIR understands that our efforts under the Ozone Advance Program may benefit the Central Texas region by potentially:

- Reducing air pollution in terms of ozone as well as other 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;
- Targeting limited resources toward actions to address ozone problems quickly.

CTAIR's goal is to implement measures and programs to reduce ozone in the CTCOG area in the near term. We agree that it is in our best interest to work together and coordinate with stakeholders and the public to proactively pursue this goal. Please contact Jennifer Lawyer, Environmental Planner with CTCOG with any questions or concerns. She can be reached at 254-770-2362 or via email at Jennifer.lawyer@ctcog.org.

Most Sincerely,

Joseph Molis

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