



29 May 2012

Ozone 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 City of Springfield, Missouri, the Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO), and the Ozarks Clean Air Alliance (OCAA), with representation from fifteen (15) counties, would like to participate in Ozone Advance with respect to the Springfield metropolitan region and future air quality planning for the region. . We wish to join this partnership with EPA to preserve or improve the air quality in the Springfield region, and we meet the program eligibility criteria based upon the following:

- (1) Springfield is not currently a non-attainment area for either the 1997 8-hour or the 2008 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)
- (2) The proposed Ozone Advance region includes the Springfield metropolitan region, with representation from fifteen (15) surrounding counties
- (3) The following air monitors reflect the air quality in our region:
 - a. Hillcrest
 - b. Fellows Lake, and
 - c. Branson
- (4) Existing emissions inventory reporting requirements have been met

We understand our efforts under Ozone Advance may benefit the Springfield region 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 ozone NAAQS that could lead to a future non-attainment designation
- Increasing public awareness about ground-level ozone as an air pollutant
- Targeting limited resources toward actions to address ozone problems quickly

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Our goal is to implement measures and programs to reduce ozone in the Springfield region in the near term. We agree it is in our best interest to work together and in coordination with stakeholders and the public to proactively pursue this goal. We understand that participation in this voluntary, proactive program in no way establishes new regulatory requirements nor harms our community's ability to create flexible, innovative approaches that account for the complex nature of ozone, subject to our community's affordability limitations.

To discuss this further, please contact the Chair of the Ozarks Clean Air Alliance, Doug Neidigh, at (417) 873-7641 or dneidigh@drury.edu.

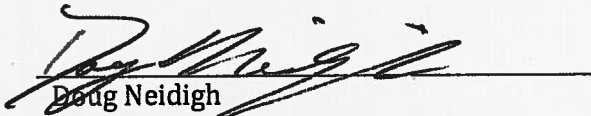
Sincerely,



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