



January 23, 2013

Dear INCOG Air Quality Partner:

The Tulsa area has long enjoyed a continued attainment status of EPA's National Ambient Air Quality Standards. You may be aware that not meeting federal air quality standards can potentially have negative consequences to economic development in our region. EPA most recently declared the Tulsa area in attainment for ozone based upon the 2008-10 averaging period; however, attainment status is now in jeopardy. The summer of 2011 resulted in area violations of the three-year averaged ozone standard. Adding the conditions brought by the 2012 summer, our region now violates the ozone standard with levels not seen since 2007 and earlier.

EPA has offered the Tulsa area the opportunity to participate in its new Ozone Advance Program. The Tulsa area has a long and successful history of industry and government working together to improve local air quality and maintain the ozone standard. We believe that voluntary common-sense initiatives have been the key to our remaining in attainment.

One purpose of this letter is to ask your assistance in developing voluntary emissions reduction strategies for our Ozone Advance Program action plan. Specifically, does your company have any planned emissions reduction initiatives on the drawing board within the next 5 years? Will you consider and evaluate potential ozone-forming emissions reductions to meet our short-term air quality need?

Secondly, this letter requests your attendance at an important upcoming meeting. The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality with the INCOG Air Quality Committee will hold an open meeting on **Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at the Williams Tower II 2nd Floor Conference Room**, Two West 2nd Street (W. 2nd Street and Boulder Avenue), downtown Tulsa. Representatives from ODEQ and INCOG will present and discuss this important issue. An agenda with meeting location and directions is attached and on the [INCOG website](http://www.INCOG.org).

We value your partnership with this important effort to address our regional clean air status. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Graham, INCOG's Air Quality Program Manager, at (918) 579-9418 or email ngraham@incog.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Bengé".

Chris Bengé
Chairman, INCOG Air Quality Committee

Enclosure

cc: Rich Brierre, INCOG Executive Director
Dewey Bartlett, Mayor, City of Tulsa
Eddie Terrill, Oklahoma DEQ
Mike Neal, Tulsa Regional Chamber