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Advance Program
c/o Laura Bunte
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Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, C304-01
Research Triangle Park, NC 27711

Dear Ms. Bunte:

The New Mexico Environment Department would like to participate in the Ozone Advance Program with respect to three counties and one partial county in New Mexico. These counties are San Juan, Lea, Eddy and Doña Ana (partial). We wish to join this partnership with EPA to preserve or improve the air quality in these areas. The basic program eligibility criteria are met as follows:

1. The areas are not designated nonattainment for an ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)

None of the proposed subject areas are currently designated nonattainment for any ozone NAAQS. New Mexico currently has one small nonattainment area for the 2015 8-hour Ozone NAAQS located in Doña Ana County and this area will be excluded from the Ozone Advance Program.

2. The State must identify the areas with respect to which they would like to participate

The candidate areas for the Ozone Advance Program consist of the following counties and partial county:

- a. San Juan (northwest NM);
- b. Lea (southeast NM);
- c. Eddy (southeast NM); and
- d. Doña Ana, excluding the Sunland Park nonattainment area (south central NM).

3. The State should identify the air monitors that reflect the air quality in the areas

The following air monitors reflect the air quality in these counties:

- a. 1H San Juan Substation (EPA-AQS ID# 35-045-1005);
- b. 1NL Navajo Lake (EPA-AQS ID# 35-045-0018);

- c. 1ZB Bloomfield (EPA-AQS ID# 35-045-0009);
- d. 5ZR Carlsbad (EPA-AQS ID# 35-015-1005);
- e. 5ZS Hobbs Jefferson (EPA-AQS ID# 35-025-0008);
- f. 6O La Union (EPA-AQS ID# 35-013-0008);
- g. 6ZK Chaparral (EPA-AQS ID# 35-013-0020);
- h. 6ZN Santa Teresa (EPA-AQS ID# 35-013-0022); and
- i. 6ZQ Solano Drive (EPA-AQS ID# 35-013-0023).

4. The State's reporting obligations for the National Emissions Inventory must be met prior to an area joining Ozone Advance

Existing emissions inventory reporting requirements have been met. The 2017 Emissions Inventory submission was completed by September 2018.

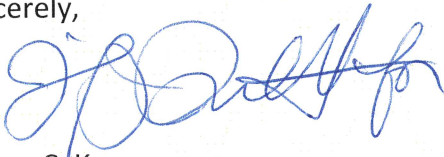
We understand that our efforts under Ozone Advance may benefit these areas by potentially:

- reducing air pollution in terms of ozone as well as other air pollutants;
- ensuring continued healthy ozone levels;
- maintaining the ozone NAAQS and helping the Sunland Park Nonattainment Area attain the 2015 Ozone NAAQS within the required timeframe;
- helping avoid violations of the NAAQS that could lead to a future nonattainment designation;
- increasing public awareness about ozone as an indirect 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 the near term. We agree that it is in our best interest to work together and in coordination with stakeholders and the public to proactively pursue this goal.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Elizabeth Bisbey-Kuehn, Chief, Air Quality Bureau at (505) 476-4305 or by email at Elizabeth.Kuehn@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,



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