



City of St. Maries

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Dear Ms. Bunte:

The City of St Maries, Idaho in partnership with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality would like to participate in the PM Advance program with respect to the St Maries area of Benewah County. We wish to join this partnership with EPA to preserve or improve the air quality in the St Maries area. We feel that we meet the program eligibility criteria because:

1. The St Maries area is not currently a nonattainment area for the 1997 and/or 2012 annual fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and/or for the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS,
2. The St Maries area consists of the City of St Maries and the surrounding impacted airshed within Benewah County, Idaho,
3. The following air monitor reflects the air quality in the St Maries area: St Maries-Forest Service Building (AQS ID 160050010), and
4. Idaho has met the National Emissions Inventory reporting requirements.


We understand that our efforts under PM Advance may benefit the St Maries area by potentially:

- Reducing air pollution in terms of PM_{2.5} as well as other air pollutants
- Continuing to ensure continued healthy PM_{2.5} levels
- Maintaining the PM_{2.5} NAAQS,
- Helping avoid violations of the PM_{2.5} NAAQS that could lead to a future nonattainment designation
- Increasing public awareness about PM_{2.5} as an air pollutant
- Targeting limited resources toward actions to address PM_{2.5} problems quickly

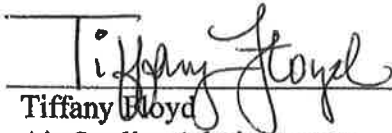
Our goal is to implement measures and programs to reduce PM_{2.5} in the St Maries area in the near term. We are also in agreement it is in our best interest to work together and in coordination with stakeholders and the public to proactively pursue this goal.

Thank you for consideration of allowing the St Maries area to participate in the PM advance program. Should you need further information or have questions regarding our request, please contact Pascale Warren at pascale.warren@deq.idaho.gov, (208) 373-0586 or Tom Carver at (208) 245-2577.

Sincerely,



Tom Carver, Mayor
City of St Maries



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cc: Jeff Hunt, Region 10 PM Advance, EPA