



Southeast Missouri
**REGIONAL PLANNING & ECONOMIC
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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 Southeast Missouri Regional Planning Commission would like to participate in Ozone Advance with respect to our service area. This includes the seven southeast Missouri counties of Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Iron, Madison, Perry, St. Francois and Ste. Genevieve. We wish to join this partnership with EPA to preserve or improve the air quality in this area and we meet the program eligibility criteria as follows:

1. None of our counties are designated nonattainment areas for either the 1997 8-hour or the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS);
2. This is a recognized organization of long standing representing the seven counties identified above;
3. Two ozone monitors are located within the region (the Bonne Terre Monitor and the Farrar Monitor); and,
4. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has maintained and reported on the inventory of existing emissions on a regular basis.

We understand that our efforts under Ozone Advance may benefit the southeast Missouri 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 nonattainment designation;
- Increasing public awareness about ground-level ozone as an 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 southeast Missouri in the near term. We agree that it is in our best interest to work together in and in coordination with stakeholders and the public to proactively pursue this goal.

For further information please feel free to contact me at (573)547-8357 and by email at cbuchheit@semorpc.org or David Grimes, Deputy Director at (573)547-8357 or by email at dgrimes@semorpc.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Chauncy Buchheit". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chauncy Buchheit
Executive Director

cc: Lachala Kemp