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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

RE: Participation in the Ozone Advance program

Dear Ms. Bunte:

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) would like to participate in the Ozone Advance program to preserve and improve air quality in partnership with the following jurisdictions:

***Hampton Roads 1997
Ozone NAAQS
Maintenance Area***

York County
Isle of Wight County
Gloucester County
James City County
City of Suffolk
City of Hampton
City of Newport News
City of Poquoson
City of Virginia Beach
City of Norfolk
City of Williamsburg
City of Portsmouth
City of Chesapeake

***Richmond-Petersburg 1997
Ozone NAAQS Maintenance
Area***

Charles City County
Prince George County
Chesterfield County
Hanover County
Henrico County
City of Colonial Heights
City of Petersburg
City of Hopewell
City of Richmond

***Fredericksburg 1997
Ozone NAAQS
Maintenance Area***

Stafford County
Spotsylvania County
City of Fredericksburg

DEQ will facilitate the creation of an Ozone Advance action plan for each of these three areas with the intention that these plans will help reduce emissions of ozone precursors, particularly on days when air quality forecasts indicate the possibility for unhealthy levels of ozone.

Participants in the Ozone Advance process will include the listed localities as well as representatives of other agencies of the Commonwealth, such as the Virginia Department of Transportation, Virginia Port Authority, and Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation. Other participants may include representatives of military/federal facilities, educational facilities, citizen groups, metropolitan planning organizations, and industry.

None of these areas are designated nonattainment for either the 1997 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) or the 2008 Ozone NAAQS. DEQ has met all emission inventory requirements for the entire Commonwealth of Virginia. Additionally, ozone air quality is monitored in each of these jurisdictions at the following monitoring sites:

<i>Monitoring Site Name</i>	<i>AIRS ID</i>
<i>Hampton Roads 1997 Ozone NAAQS Maintenance Area</i>	
Hampton	51-650-0008
Suffolk-TCC	51-800-0004
Suffolk-Holland	51-800-0005
<i>Richmond-Petersburg 1997 Ozone NAAQS Maintenance Area</i>	
Chesterfield	51-041-0004
Henrico	51-087-0014
Hanover	51-085-0003
Charles City	51-036-0002
<i>Fredericksburg 1997 Ozone NAAQS Maintenance Area</i>	
Stafford	51-179-0001

DEQ understands that 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 compliance with the 2008 Ozone NAAQS,
- Helping avoid violations of the 2008 Ozone NAAQS that could lead to a future nonattainment designations,
- Increasing public awareness about ground-level ozone as an air pollutant, and
- Targeting limited resources toward actions to address ozone problems quickly.

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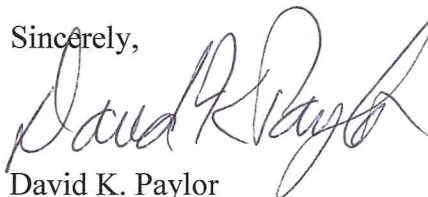
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DEQ's goal is to implement measures and programs to reduce ozone in these areas in the near term. It is in our best interest to work together and in coordination with stakeholders and the public to proactively pursue this goal.

One other area of the Commonwealth, Caroline County, is considering whether or not to participate in this program. Should this jurisdiction also wish to participate in the Ozone Advance program, DEQ will provide you written notification of the intent to create an Ozone Advance action plan for Caroline County.

If you have any questions or comments on this letter, please do not hesitate to call Tom Ballou at 804-698-4406 (thomas.ballou@deq.virginia.gov) or Doris McLeod at 804-698-4197 (doris.mcleod@deq.virginia.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David K. Paylor", written in a cursive style.

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