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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:

Also, please accept this letter as our Notice of Intent to be accepted into the EPA's PM Advance Program along with our acceptance into the Ozone Advance Program.

Our communities would like to participate in any PM Advance with respect to Calcasieu Parish and Cameron Parish, Louisiana. We wish to join this partnership with EPA to preserve or improve the air quality in Southwest Louisiana, and we meet the program eligibility criteria, i.e.:

- (1) The Lake Charles Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Area is currently an attainment area for either the 1997 8-hour or the 2008 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS);
- (2) Southwest Louisiana for the purposes of this request consists of Calcasieu and Cameron Parishes; and
- (3) The following air monitor(s) reflect the air quality in southwest Louisiana (i.e. Carlyss Site (220190002), Vinton Site (220190009), and Westlake Site (220190008).

We understand that our efforts under PM Advance may benefit Calcasieu and Cameron Parishes by potentially:

- Helping avoid violations of the ozone NAAQS that could lead to a future nonattainment designation,
- Increasing public awareness about particulate matter as an air pollutant, and
- Targeting limited resources toward actions to address PM problems quickly.

Our goal is to implement measures and programs to reduce any PM levels that can be addressed in Calcasieu and Cameron Parish in the near term. We agree to that it is in our best interest to work together and in coordination with stakeholders and the public to proactively pursue this goal.

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Sincerely,



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