

## **Houston-Galveston Area Council**

July 17, 2014

Mr. Gregory A. Green
Director, Outreach and Information Division
Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
109 TW Alexander Drive
Research Triangle Park, NC 27711

RE: PM Advance Path Forward

Dear Mr. Green:

H-GAC has developed the enclosed Path Forward in partnership with our Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee as part of our region's involvement in the EPA PM Advance Program. Please accept this letter as our notice of submission of this plan to EPA.

This Path Forward is a compilation of voluntary regional air quality improvement efforts. These projects range from the replacement of older heavy-duty truck and marine engines with newer, cleaner models, to funding electric vehicle charging equipment, to voluntary industry and local government air quality initiatives.

Though our region is currently very close to the National Ambient Air Quality Standard limits on PM<sub>2.5</sub> pollution, by maintaining and expanding regional collaboration on voluntary projects, our region will position itself to avoid a nonattainment designation and be prepared for future, more stringent standards. We intend to continue to work together in coordination with local and regional stakeholders to proactively pursue this goal.

Please contact Alan Clark, Director of Transportation, at 713-993-4585 or Alan.Clark@H-GAC.com should you require additional information or have questions regarding this document.

Sincerely,

Jack Steele

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Enclosure



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