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Advance Program

c/o Laura Bunte

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, C304-01

Research Triangle Park, NC 27711

Submitted via e-mail to: advance@epa.gov

Re: Sign-up Letter for EPA Ozone Advance Program

Dear Ms. Bunte:

The El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) would like to participate in the Ozone Advance Program to improve the air quality here in the Paso del Norte (PDN) air quality basin. Please consider this "sign-up letter" as our request to participate in the Ozone Advance Program.

The El Paso MPO, through the Air Improvement Resources Group (the AIR Group) of El Paso MPO, serves as the air quality planning and improvement body for the PDN region, which the region consists of El Paso, Texas, Dona Ana County, New Mexico of the U.S. and Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua of Mexico.

We wish to join this partnership with EPA to preserve and improve the air quality in the region and we meet the following program eligibility criteria:

- (1) El Paso County, Texas and Dona Ana County, New Mexico are currently in attainment of both the 1997 8-hour or the 2008 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).
- (2) The metropolitan planning study area consists of the U.S. portion of the Paso del Norte (PDN) region which encompasses the city of El Paso and El Paso County, Texas and portions of Dona Ana and Otero Counties, New Mexico.
- (3) There are eleven (11) ozone air monitors located in the metropolitan planning study area with six (6) of them in the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area (El Paso MSA) and five (5) in the Dona Ana County. The following air monitors reflect the air quality in the PDN:

AQS (Ozone Monitors)	State ID	Name	City, State
481410029	CAMS C72	Ivanhoe	El Paso, TX
481410037	CAMS C12	UTEP	El Paso, TX
481410044	CAMS C41	Chamizal	El Paso, TX
481410055	CAMS C37	Ascarate Park	El Paso, TX
481410057	CAMS C49	Socorro	El Paso, TX
481410058	CAMS C72	Skyline Park	El Paso, TX
350130022	NMED 6ZN	Santa Teresa	Dona Ana County, NM
350130021	NMED 6ZM	Desert View	Dona Ana County, NM
350130017	NMED 6ZG	Sunland Park	Dona Ana County, NM
350130020	NMED 6ZK	Chaparral	Dona Ana County, NM
350130008	NMED 6O	La Union	Dona Ana County, NM

(4) Existing emissions inventory reporting requirements have been met by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and New Mexico Environmental Department (NMED).

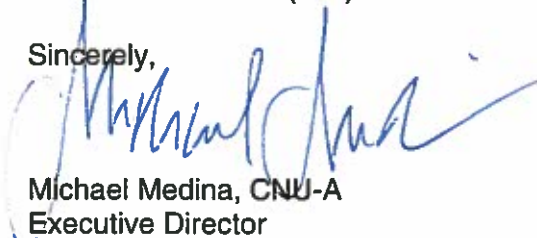
We understand that our efforts under Ozone Advance may benefit the PDN by potentially:

- Reducing air pollution in terms of ozone as well as other air pollutants,
- Ensuring continued healthy ozone levels,
- Maintaining the ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS),
- Helping avoid violations of the NAAQS that could lead to a future nonattainment designation,
- Increasing public awareness about ozone as an air pollutant.

Our goal is to implement measures and programs to reduce ozone in the PDN in the near term. We agree that it is in our best interest to work together and in coordination with stakeholders and the public to proactively pursue this goal.

I can be reached at (915) 212-0258 and by e-mail at executivedirector@elpasompo.org.

Sincerely,



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