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**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**  
TRUDY D. FISHER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

June 27, 2012

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 EPA's Ozone Advance Program

Dear Ms. Bunte:

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality would like to participate in Ozone Advance with respect to DeSoto County, Mississippi. We wish to join this partnership with EPA and the County to preserve or improve the air quality in DeSoto County, and we meet the program eligibility criteria, i.e.:

- (1) DeSoto County is not currently a nonattainment area for either the 1997 8-hour or the 2008 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS);
- (2) The following air monitor(s) reflect the air quality in DeSoto County: Hernando Monitor (28-033-0002); and
- (3) Existing emissions inventory reporting requirements have been met.

We understand that our efforts under Ozone Advance may benefit DeSoto County 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.

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Our goal is to implement measures and programs to reduce ozone in DeSoto County 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.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me or Maya Rao of my staff at (601) 961-5242 or [mrao@deq.state.ms.us](mailto:mrao@deq.state.ms.us).

Sincerely,



Trudy D. Fisher  
Executive Director

cc: Jane Spann, EPA Region 4



*DeSoto County* MISSISSIPPI  
Office of the Board of Supervisors

June 18, 2012

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**RE: Participation in EPA's Ozone Advance Program**

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The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and DeSoto County Mississippi would like to participate in Ozone Advance with respect to unincorporated DeSoto County, Mississippi. We wish to join this partnership with EPA to preserve or improve the air quality in DeSoto County, and we meet the program eligibility criteria, i.e.:

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I can be reached through the County Administration Office at (662) 429-1422 or you may directly contact County Planning Director Ted Garrod at (662) 429-1303 and [tgarrod@desotocountymms.gov](mailto:tgarrod@desotocountymms.gov).

Sincerely,



Jessie Medlin  
President  
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors

cc: Jane Spann, EPA Region 4