



Air Improvement Resources Committee

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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

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Dear Ms. Bunte,

Thank you for the release of the Ozone Advance program guidance dated April 4, 2012. Please consider this "sign-up letter" as our request to participate in the Ozone Advance program.

The Air Improvement Resources (AIR) Committee, meeting in partnership with the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG), comprises representatives from local government throughout the San Antonio / New Braunfels Metropolitan Statistical Area, including representatives from Atascosa, Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall, and Wilson counties. We appreciate the opportunity to work together with the EPA to preserve and improve the air quality here in south central Texas.

The AIR Committee serves as the air quality planning body for the San Antonio / New Braunfels Metropolitan Statistical Area (SA/NB MSA). The SA/NB MSA is designated as attainment for both the 1997 8-hour and 2008 ozone national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). There are three regulatory ozone monitoring sites established in the AACOG region that continue to provide data representing the air quality in our region: San Antonio Northwest C23 (AQS Number 480290032); Camp Bullis C58 (AQS Number 480290052); and Calaveras Lake C59 (AQS Number 480290059). EPA has evaluated and accepted the state of Texas's compliance with existing emissions inventory requirements furnished by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The San Antonio / New Braunfels / AACOG region has long been successful in taking proactive measures for better air quality while challenged by transport and local emissions. We intend to maintain our attainment status, with the City of San Antonio as the largest city in the nation in attainment for all air quality standards, and make positive advances in the ozone challenge we face regionally. Our region's entrance into the Ozone Advance program will allow us a fresh opportunity to reconsider our status and our region's growth, to re-evaluate our air quality program for success in the future, and then to continue our path of progress.

Sincerely,

Diana J. Bautista
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Cc: Sam Coleman, Acting Administrator for EPA Region 6