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Ozone Advance
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To Whom It May Concern:

With this letter, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Air Quality Forum, created in accordance with Section 174 of the Clean Air Act to coordinate the development and implementation of air quality policy in the bi-state Kansas City region, officially requests to join the Ozone Advance Program.

The intent is to utilize the structure of the existing Air Quality Forum membership, which includes state and local government, private industry, and health and community group representation. Through this structure, we will implement the Kansas City Regional Clean Air Action Plan, available here: <http://www.marc.org/Environment/airQ/clean-air-action.htm>. The CAAP complies with the requirements of the Ozone Advance program, including yearly progress reports, timelines for implementation and technical analysis of measures recommended.

Given the issues related to ozone transport, the CAAP looks at measures related to sources in an area larger than the existing ozone boundary and engages jurisdictions less familiar with requirements of nonattainment areas. Continued implementation of this plan allows for ongoing education and outreach to outlying and other urbanized areas that may end up in a future, expanded air quality boundary.

The Air Quality Forum appreciates the opportunity to work with the US EPA to improve air quality in the Kansas City region. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Amanda Graor, MARC Air Quality Program Manager at 816.701.8333 or agraor@marc.org.

Sincerely,

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Ed Peterson
Kansas Co-Chair, Air Quality Forum

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathy Dusenbery".

Kathy Dusenbery
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