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Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS)
Attention: Laura Bunte – Ozone Advance Program C304-01
109 TW Alexander Drive
Research Triangle Park, NC 27711

RE: Notice of Intent to Join PM Advance Program
Capital Region Planning Commission – Baton Rouge Metropolitan Planning Organization
Baton Rouge Clean Air Coalition (BRCAC)

Dear Ms. Bunte:

Please accept this letter as our Notice of Intent and request to be accepted into the EPA's PM Advance Program. As you know, the Capital Region Planning Commission and the Baton Rouge Clean Air Coalition were accepted into EPA's Ozone Advance Program in July, 2012. We have been actively engaged in that program since our acceptance.

Although the Baton Rouge Metro Area is currently in attainment for fine particulate matter, we feel that participation in EPA's PM Advance Program could be beneficial for the area's maintenance of attainment.

The Baton Rouge area of the state is monitored for the pollutant PM_{2.5} using FRM monitors at the following locations:

Site ID
220330009 – Capitol Site
220470009 – Bayou Plaquemine Site
221210001 – Port Allen Site
220470005 – Geismar Site

During the course of the next year, we will be using our best efforts to incorporate a plan of action into our efforts to reduce both PM and ozone. We want to move quickly toward identifying steps that may reduce pollutant levels within our area. It is our intent to implement programs and measures as soon as possible so that we can begin collecting information as to our plan's effectiveness.

We look forward to receiving notification that we have been accepted into the PM Advance Program. Please contact R.J.Goebel at 225-683-5203 or rgoebel@brgov.com should you require further information regarding this matter.

R. J. Goebel
Executive Director (Interim) - CRPC

Dr. Mike McDaniel
Executive Director - BRCAC

cc: DEQ Air Permits Division