

February 03, 2014

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]

Dear Ms. Bunte:

Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (DMATS), along with City of Dubuque and Greater Dubuque Development Cooperation (GDDC) would like to participate in Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM 2.5) Advance program. We wish to join this partnership with EPA to preserve or improve the air quality in DMATS area, and we meet the program eligibility criteria, i.e.:

- (1) DMATS is not currently a nonattainment area for either the 1997 8-hour or the 2008 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS),
- (2) DMATS consists of the cities of Asbury, Centralia, Durango, Dubuque, Peosta, Sageville and Dubuque County in Iowa; East Dubuque and Jo Daviess County in Illinois; and Jamestown Township, the unincorporated town of Kieler and Grant County in Wisconsin,
- (3) The air monitor at Potosi, Wisconsin reflect the air quality in DMATS area; and
- (4) Existing emissions inventory reporting requirements have been met.

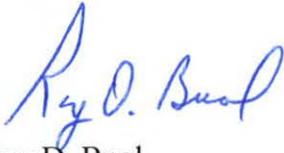
We understand that our efforts under PM 2.5 Advance may benefit DMATS by potentially:

- Reducing air pollution in terms of PM 2.5 as well as other air pollutants,
- Ensuring continued healthy PM 2.5 levels,
- Helping avoid violations of the PM 2.5 NAAQS that could lead to a future nonattainment designation,
- Increasing public awareness about ground-level PM 2.5 as an air pollutant, and
- Targeting limited resources toward actions to address PM 2.5 problems quickly.

Our goal is to implement measures and programs to reduce PM 2.5 in DMATS area in the near term. We agree to that it is in our best interest to work together and in coordination with stakeholders and the public to proactively pursue this goal.

You can contact Chandra Ravada, ECIA Transportation Director at 563-556-4166 and by e-mail [cravada@ecia.org](mailto:cravada@ecia.org) for further questions and discussions.

Sincerely,



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Chair of DMATS Policy Board

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