



MECKLENBURG COUNTY
Land Use and Environmental Services Agency
- AIR QUALITY -

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TRANSMITTED VIA EMAIL

Advance Program
c/o Laura Bunte
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, C304-01
advance@epa.gov

RE: Request to Include Mecklenburg County, NC in the Ozone Advance Program

Dear Ms. Bunte:

Mecklenburg County Air Quality (MCAQ) requests to join the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Ozone Advance program for Mecklenburg County, NC. MCAQ is the local air quality agency serving Mecklenburg County, the city of Charlotte, and the towns of Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill, and Pineville, NC. MCAQ's mission is to lead and assist Mecklenburg County towards meeting and maintaining compliance with the health based National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). It is in furtherance of that mission that I submit this request.

Mecklenburg County meets all eligibility requirements for the Ozone Advance program. Mecklenburg County is not currently a nonattainment area for ozone. Mecklenburg County's air quality is characterized by the following monitors: 37-119-0041 (Garinger), 37-119-0042 (Montclair), 37-119-0045 (Remount), and 37-119-0046 (University Meadows). Mecklenburg County emissions were reported to EPA during the most recent National Emissions Inventory submission window.

MCAQ's goal in Ozone Advance program participation is to look for opportunities to expand voluntary and incentive-based efforts that will improve air quality in Mecklenburg County while maintaining existing programs that effectively reduce ozone-forming emissions. To proactively pursue this goal, MCAQ commits to working with EPA, stakeholders, and the public through the Ozone Advance program to identify strategies that:

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- Reduce ozone-forming air pollution and provide multi-pollutant co-benefits,
- Maintain health air quality and compliance with the ozone NAAQS,
- Help avoid violations of the ozone NAAQS that could lead to a future nonattainment designation, and
- Increase public awareness about ozone as an air pollutant.

Thank you for considering this request. If you need additional information, please contact me at 980-314-3366 and by email at Leslie.Rhodes@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Sincerely,



Leslie Rhodes
Air Quality Director

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