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Ozone Advance Program
c/o Laura Bunte
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Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards
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Dear Ms. Bunte:

The City of Albuquerque Environmental Health Department ("Department") appreciates that the Ozone Advance Program gives jurisdictions the opportunity to collaborate with U.S. EPA, states, tribes, and other local governments to encourage emission reductions in ozone attainment areas nationwide. The Department's jurisdiction is in attainment, but we have experienced ozone design values above the standard in both 2019 and 2020. These exceedances occurred during the summer months and coincided with large wildfires in neighboring states and the West Coast. Our mission is to protect public health and we are eager to establish new partnerships and to learn new ways to reduce ozone pollution locally. Therefore, the Department would like to participate in the Ozone Advance Program for the City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County (collectively, Albuquerque - Bernalillo County), in the State of New Mexico.

The basic program eligibility criteria are met as follows:

1. **The area is not designated nonattainment for an ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard ("NAAQS").** Albuquerque-Bernalillo County is not currently designated nonattainment for ozone NAAQS.
2. **The local government must identify the area within their jurisdiction that would like to participate.** The entire area of Albuquerque-Bernalillo County would like to participate in the Ozone Advance Program.
3. **The local government should identify the air monitors that best represent the air quality in the participating area.** The following air monitors reflect the air quality in Albuquerque-Bernalillo County:
 - a. 2ZF Foothills (EPA-AQS ID# 35-001-1012) (measures ozone and PM_{2.5});
 - b. 2ZH North Valley (EPA-AQS ID# 35-001-1013) (measures PM_{2.5});
 - c. 2ZM Del Norte High School (EPA-AQS ID# 35-001-0023) (measures carbon monoxide, ozone, NO₂, NO_y, SO₂, PM₁₀, and PM_{2.5});
 - d. 2ZS Jefferson (EPA-AQS ID# 35-001-0026) (measures PM₁₀); and
 - e. 2ZV South Valley (EPA-AQS ID# 35-001-0029) (measures carbon monoxide, ozone, NO₂, NO_y, PM₁₀, and PM_{2.5}).

4. **The local government's reporting obligations for the National Emissions Inventory must be met prior to an area applying to participate in Ozone Advance.** Existing emissions inventory reporting requirements have been met. The 2019 emissions inventory submission was completed on January 10, 2021.

We understand that our efforts under Ozone Advance may benefit these areas by potentially:

- Reducing air pollution in terms of ozone and other pollutants;
- Assuring continued healthy ozone levels;
- Maintaining the ozone NAAQS;
- Avoiding violations of the NAAQS that could lead to a future nonattainment designation;
- Increasing public awareness about ozone as an indirect air pollutant; and
- Targeting limited resources toward actions to address ozone.

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

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Mara Elana Burstein, Deputy Director, Environmental Health Department at 505-288-2911 or by email at mburstein@cabq.gov.

Sincerely,



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