



MID-OHIO REGIONAL
MORPC
PLANNING COMMISSION

111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
Columbus, Ohio 43215
morpc.org

T. 614. 228.2663
TTY. 1.800.750.0750
info@morpc.org

February 8, 2021
US EPA Advance Program
Mr. Rich Damberg
Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, C539-01
109 TW Alexander Drive
Research Triangle Park, NC 27711

Dear Mr. Damberg,

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission would like to participate in the Ozone and PM2.5 Advance Program with respect to Central Ohio. We wish to join this partnership with EPA to improve and maintain air quality in our area.

We have addressed each of the program eligibility criteria below:

- (1) The Central Ohio region consists of the following 15 Ohio counties: Marion, Morrow, Knox, Delaware, Logan, Union, Madison, Franklin, Fairfield, Perry, Licking, Hocking, Ross, Pickaway, Fayette.
- (2) No part of Central Ohio region is currently designated as nonattainment for any Ozone and PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).
- (3) The following federal reference air quality monitors for Ozone and PM2.5 are operating in the area:
 - Delaware (ozone)
 - New Albany (ozone, PM2.5)
 - Maple Canyon (ozone, PM2.5)
 - Heath (ozone)
 - Reynoldsburg (ozone)
 - London (ozone)
 - Fairgrounds (PM2.5)
 - Centerburg (ozone)
- (4) The Ohio EPA has provided updated emissions data for Central Ohio as part of the 2017 National Emissions Inventory process.

We understand that our region can realize a number of benefits through collaboration with EPA and other Advance partners, such as:

- ☐ Reducing emissions that contribute to the formation of Ozone and PM2.5 pollution;
- ☐ Improving air quality and the health of our residents;
- ☐ Maintaining the Ozone and PM2.5 NAAQS;

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Karen J. Angelou
Chair

Erik J. Janas
Vice Chair

Chris Amorose Grooms
Secretary

- ☐ Helping avoid exceedances of the NAAQS that could lead to a future nonattainment designation;
- ☐ Increasing public awareness about ground-level ozone and particulate matter as an air pollutant; and
- ☐ Targeting limited resources toward actions to address ozone and PM2.5 problems quickly.

Our goal is to implement measures and programs to better assess and reduce ozone and PM2.5 in Central Ohio in the near term. We agree that it is in our best interest to work together with the US EPA and in coordination with stakeholders and the public to proactively pursue this goal.

If MORPC can ever be of service, please do not hesitate to contact me, at 614-233-4101 or wmurdock@morpc.org.

Kind Regards,



William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

