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U. S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 4
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth St SW #9
Atlanta, GA 30303

RE: Emissions Reduction Implementation Grant Coalition

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-9(1), I submit this Letter of Intent to notify the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) that it is the intent of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to participate in a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Emissions Reduction Implementation Grant Coalition (the “Coalition”) led by Mississippi State University (MSU). We also agree to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement for the Coalition as required by the CPRG Implementation Grant requirements.

This initiative, titled the “Clean Air Mississippi Project (CAMP): Emissions Reduction Implementation Grant”, will be undertaken in partnership with MSU as coalition partners to effectively administer the program. Our collective efforts aim to leverage the grant award towards implementing a diverse array of projects focused on emissions reduction and sustainable practices across Mississippi.

We meet the criteria outlined by the U.S. EPA in the Notice of Funding Announcement for funding opportunity number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07 to qualify as a coalition member. While all reporting will be the responsibility of the lead entity, MSU, we agree to support and participate in any audit or review of data and outputs supported by grant activities if requested.

We appreciate the U.S. EPA’s consideration and look forward to the opportunity to participate in the CPRG Implementation Grant. Please feel free to contact me at 601-961-5303 or jwhitlock@mdeq.ms.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Air Division

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