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Laura Bunte
Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS)
Advance Program for Ozone and Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}) C304-01
109 TW Alexander Drive
Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711

**RE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO JOIN ADVANCE PROGRAM FOR OZONE AND PARTICULATE MATTER (PM_{2.5})
Lafayette Consolidated Government**

Dear Ms. Bunte,

Please accept this letter as our Notice of Intent and as our request to be accepted into the EPA's Advance Program for Ozone and Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}). The Lafayette Consolidated Government represents the Parish of Lafayette within the State of Louisiana.

Our area of the state is monitored for the pollutants ozone and PM_{2.5} (using FRM monitor) at the following location:

Lafayette	220550007 – Lafayette – USGS Site
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At the present time, our area is currently designated as attainment for both ozone and PM_{2.5}. The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality continues to input required emission inventory information into the National Emissions Inventory System (NEI) for all relevant point sources within the boundaries of Lafayette Parish. We believe that our current attainment status makes us a worthy candidate for the Advance Program for Ozone and Particulate Matter.

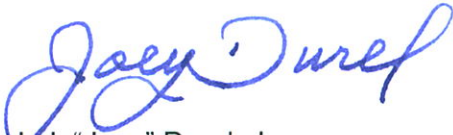
We wish to work proactively with business and community leaders to identify and implement programs that result in cleaner air for our citizens. It would benefit us to make every reasonable effort to avoid a future non-attainment designation. In addition to the health concerns (and stigma) associated with such a designation, there are tremendous economic impacts. Stricter permitting and emissions requirements imposed when an area is designated as non-attainment will make it more difficult for us to attract new industry and stifle existing industries wishing to expand. As you know, new regulations and requirements could also increase the cost of gasoline and other goods and services – costs that our communities will be forced to bear.

During the course of the next year, we will be using our best efforts to incorporate a plan of action into our efforts to reduce both ozone and PM_{2.5}. We want to move quickly toward identifying steps that may reduce pollutant levels within our area. It is our intent to implement programs and

measures as soon as possible so that we can begin collecting information as to our plan's effectiveness.

We look forward to receiving notification that we have been accepted into the PM Advance Program. Please contact Bess Foret at (337) 291-5676 or bforet@lafayette.la.gov or Melanie Bordelon at (337) 291-8120 or mbordelon@lafayette.la.gov, if you any questions or require further information regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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City-Parish President

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