



April 5, 2013

PM Advance  
c/o Laura Bunte  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, C304-01  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27711

Dear Ms. Bunte:

The State of Montana in partnership with the City County of Butte-Silver Bow would like to participate in PM Advance with respect to the City County of Butte-Silver Bow. We wish to join this partnership with EPA to preserve or improve the air quality in City County of Butte-Silver Bow, and we meet the program eligibility criteria, i.e.:

- (1) City County of Butte-Silver Bow is not currently a nonattainment area for the 1997 and/or 2012 annual fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and/or for the 2006 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS,
- (2) City County of Butte-Silver Bow consists of the city of Butte located within Silver Bow county Montana,
- (3) The following air monitor(s) reflect the air quality in City County of Butte-Silver Bow: Butte-Greeley School Monitor (30-093-0005), and
- (4) Montana has submitted data for inclusion in the National Emissions Inventory.

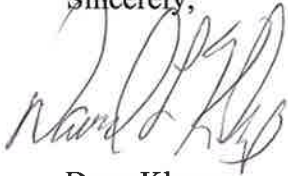
We understand that our efforts under PM Advance may benefit City County of Butte-Silver Bow by potentially:

- Reducing air pollution in terms of PM<sub>2.5</sub> as well as other air pollutants,
- Ensuring continued healthy PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels,
- Maintaining the PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS,
- Helping avoid violations of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS that could lead to a future nonattainment designation,
- Increasing public awareness about PM<sub>2.5</sub> as an air pollutant, and
- Targeting limited resources toward actions to address PM<sub>2.5</sub> problems quickly.

Our goal is to implement measures and programs to reduce PM<sub>2.5</sub> in City County of Butte-Silver Bow in the near term. We agree to that it is in our best interest to work together and in coordination with stakeholders and the public to proactively pursue this goal.

Please direct any questions to Eric Merchant at [emerchant@mt.gov](mailto:emerchant@mt.gov) 406-444-1457 or Stephen Coe at [scoe@mt.gov](mailto:scoe@mt.gov) , 406-782-2689 ext 209.

Sincerely,



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