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OFFICE OF AIR QUALITY PLANNING AND STANDARDS

Myra C. Reece Chief, Bureau of Air Quality South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control 2600 Bull Street Columbia, SC 29201

Ms. Reece,

Thank you for your letter dated May 14, 2012 indicating the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control's (DHEC's) interest in participating in the Ozone Advance program with respect to the entire state of South Carolina (with the exception of the portion of York County that is part of the Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill NC-SC nonattainment area for the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS). The DHEC meets the eligibility criteria, and we welcome you as a participant in this innovative program.

We appreciate your interest in improving air quality in South Carolina, and we look forward to assisting you as you identify, evaluate, select, and implement measures and programs tailored to your area that may reduce ozone levels.

Your primary EPA point of contact for Ozone Advance will be Jane Spann, EPA Region 4; she can be reached at (404) 562-9029 or spann.jane@epa.gov. General questions about the program may be referred to Laura Bunte of my staff at (919) 541-0889 or <u>ADVANCE@epa.gov</u>. For more information about the program, please refer to <u>www.epa.gov/ozoneadvance</u>.

Sincerely,

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Gregory A. Green

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