

December 21, 2012

Ozone 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 Corpus Christi Air Quality Group would like to participate in Ozone Advance with respect to the Corpus Christi Urban Air Shed. We wish to join this partnership with EPA to preserve or improve the air quality in the Corpus Christi Urban Air Shed, and we meet the program eligibility criteria, i.e.:

- (1) The Corpus Christi Urban Air Shed is not currently a nonattainment area for either the 1997 8-hour or the 2008 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS),
- (2) The Corpus Christi Urban Air Shed consists of Nueces and San Patricio counties in the Texas Coastal Bend Region. (US EPA Region 6)
- (3) The following air monitor(s) reflect the air quality in the Corpus Christi Urban Air Shed: CAMS 4 and CAMS 21, and
- (4) Existing emissions inventory reporting requirements have been met.

We understand that our efforts under Ozone Advance may benefit the Corpus Christi Urban Air Shed by potentially:

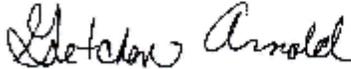
- Reducing air pollution in terms of ozone as well as other air pollutants,
- Ensuring continued healthy ozone levels,
- Maintaining the ozone NAAQS,
- Helping avoid violations of the ozone NAAQS that could lead to a future nonattainment designation,
- Increasing public awareness about ground-level ozone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

Our goal is to continue current programs that have demonstrated significant ozone reductions. Through modeling or other research, new programs may be implemented that could even further lower ozone in the Corpus Christi Urban Air Shed in the near term. We agree that it is in our best interest to work together and in coordination with stakeholders and the public to proactively pursue this goal.

Attached, please find resolutions from stakeholders City of Corpus Christi, San Patricio County, Port of Corpus Christi Authority, Regional Transportation Authority, and Metropolitan Planning Organization.

I can be reached at **361-825-3070** and by e-mail gretchen.arnold@tamucc.edu.

Sincerely,



Gretchen Arnold
Chair, Corpus Christi Air Quality Group

cc:

Carrie Paige, U S EPA Region 6
Ron Olson, City Manager, City of Corpus Christi
Judge Terry Simpson, San Patricio County
Mike Carrell, Chair, Port of Corpus Christi Authority Commission
Tom Niskala, Director, Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization
Scott Neeley, Director, Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority

Attachments:

City of Corpus Christi Resolution
San Patricio County Resolution
Port of Corpus Christi Authority Resolution
Metropolitan Planning Organization Resolution
Regional Transportation Authority Resolution

Resolution by the City Council of the City Corpus Christi supporting the Corpus Christi Air Quality Groups participation in the EPA Ozone Advance Program to promote local actions to reduce ozone precursors in the community and continue to maintain National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone.

Whereas, the City of Corpus Christi has been a stakeholder in the Corpus Christi Urbanized Area air reduction agreements; and

Whereas, the "Air Shed" stakeholders and entities represented in the Corpus Christi Air Quality Group, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have worked together to plan and implement voluntary actions appropriate to community needs to improve air quality through common sense strategies that reflect the weather, driving habits, and economy of the region; and

Whereas, the Corpus Christi Air Quality Group proposed a voluntary response to the federal policy authorizing an 8 Hour O3 FLEX program, and

Whereas, An 8 Hour O3Flex agreement for Nueces and San Patricio Counties was developed by the Corpus Christi Air Quality Group, and was approved by all parties on October 23, 2007; and

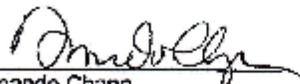
Whereas, the 8 Hour O3FLEX agreement expires at the end of 2012; and

Whereas, the Environmental Protection Agency is replacing the 8 Hour O3FLEX agreement with a new voluntary program call Ozone Advance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

That, the City Council of the City Corpus Christi supports the Corpus Christi Air Quality Group's participation in the EPA Ozone Advance Program to promote local actions to reduce ozone precursors in the community and continue to maintain National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone.

ATTEST:


Amanda Chapa
City Secretary

CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI.


Joe Adams
Mayor

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THAT STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

CORPUS CHRISTI AIR QUALITY GROUP OZONE ADVANCE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, San Patricio County has been a stakeholder in the Corpus Christi area air emissions reductions agreements; and

WHEREAS, the "Air Shed" stakeholders and entities represented in the Corpus Christi Air Quality Group, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have worked together to plan and implement voluntary actions appropriate to community needs to improve air quality through common sense strategies that reflect the weather, driving habits, and economy of the region; and

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WHEREAS, the 8 hour O3FLEX Agreement expires at the end of 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency is replacing the 8 hour O3FLEX Agreement with a new voluntary program called Ozone Advance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

The San Patricio County Commissioners supports the Corpus Christi Air Quality Group's continuing successful efforts to collaborate with the U S EPA while identifying local initiatives that reduce air emissions and to seek to maintain Corpus Christi's attainment status of air quality standards set forth by the U S EPA

PASSED and ADOPTED this the 16th day of July, 2012.



ATTEST:
Gracie Alaniz Gonzales
Gracie Alaniz Gonzales, County Clerk

Terry Simpson
Terry Simpson, County Judge

Nina B. Trevino
Nina Trevino, Commissioner, Pct. #1

Fred P. Nardini
Fred Nardini, Commissioner, Pct. #2

Alma V. Moreno
Alma V. Moreno, Commissioner, Pct. #3

Jim Price
Jim Price, Commissioner, Pct. #4

RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION
IN THE OZONE ADVANCE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Corpus Christi Urban Airshed consists of two adjoining counties, Nueces and San Patricio Counties, and contains a large urbanized area with a number of industrial point sources for air emissions and a concentration of mobile sources; and

WHEREAS, the two county region is home to Port Corpus Christi, fifth largest port in the US, a large industrial and petrochemical complex, a major military base, and a network of highways, railroads, and air routes that facilitate commerce and tourism; and

WHEREAS, in 1995 a Regional Air Quality Committee was established to review ozone attainment issues for the Corpus Christi Urban Airshed as the area was not in attainment of the one-hour and proposed 8-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone and collaborate on voluntary measures and programs to improve air quality through flexible agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Corpus Christi Authority was a signatory to the 1996 Flexible Attainment Region Memorandum, the 2002 O3FLEX Memorandum of Agreement, and the 2007 Corpus Christi Area 8-hour O3Flex Agreement which expires in October 2012; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has indicated that the ozone flexible agreements will be replaced with the Ozone Advance Program instead and that there is under consideration modification to the current 8-hour ozone NAAQS; and

WHEREAS, the Corpus Christi Urban Airshed is currently in attainment of the NAAQS for ozone; and

WHEREAS, if the 8-hour ozone NAAQS is lowered the Corpus Christi Urban Airshed is in jeopardy of non-attainment of a revised standard; and

WHEREAS, regional collaboration has been successful since 1995 in our area for maintaining attainment of the ozone NAAQS; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Port Commission of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority hereby supports the Port Authority's participation in the Ozone Advance Program after the expiration of the 2007 Corpus Christi Area 8-hour O3 Flex Agreement in October 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Port Commission that the Port of Corpus Christi Authority is hereby authorized and directed to participate in the development of an Ozone Advance Program work plan for the Corpus Christi Urban Airshed.

ADOPTED the 11th day of September, 2012, by the Board of Port Commissioners of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority.



Mike Carrell
Chairman

CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
SUPPORT OF THE CORPUS CHRISTI AIR QUALITY GROUP
OZONE ADVANCE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) serving as the policy and decision making forum for the Corpus Christi Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, the "Air Shed" stakeholders and entities represented in the Corpus Christi Air Quality Group, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have worked together to plan and implement voluntary actions appropriate to community needs to improve air quality through common sense strategies that reflect the weather, driving habits, and economy of the region; and

WHEREAS, the Corpus Christi Air Quality Group proposed a voluntary response to the federal policy authorizing an 8 Hour O3FLEX program; and

WHEREAS, An 8 Hour O3FLEX Agreement for Nueces and San Patricio Counties was developed by the Corpus Christi Air Quality Group, and was approved by all parties on October 23, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the 8 Hour O3FLEX Agreement expires at the end of 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency is replacing the 8 Hour O3FLEX Agreement with a new voluntary program call Ozone Advance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

That the **Corpus Christi Transportation Policy Committee**, supports the Corpus Christi Air Quality Group's continuing successful efforts through collaboration with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). These efforts have identified local initiatives that reduce air emissions and maintain the Corpus Christi attainment status of air quality standards set forth by the US EPA. We will further those efforts by developing a voluntary program that meets the parameters of the Ozone Advance program.


Judge Terry Simpson, Chairperson
Transportation Policy Committee

August 2, 2012

**Corpus Christi
Regional Transportation Authority**



Resolution

WHEREAS, Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority has been a stakeholder in the Corpus Christi area air emissions reductions agreements; and

WHEREAS, the "Air Shed" stakeholders and entities represented in the Corpus Christi Air Quality Group, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have worked together to plan and implement voluntary actions appropriate to community needs to improve air quality through common sense strategies that reflect the weather, driving habits, and economy of the region; and

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WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency is replacing the 8 hour O3FLEX Agreement with a new voluntary program called Ozone Advance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPUS CHRISTI REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLVED, that the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority Board of Directors fully supports the Corpus Christi Air Quality Group's continuing successful efforts to collaborate with the United States EPA, while identifying local initiatives that reduce air emissions and to seek to maintain Corpus Christi's attainment status of air quality standards set forth by the United States EPA.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of August 2012.

By 
John Valls
Board Chairman