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Please adopt a Serious Area PM2.5 State Implementation Plan that meets federal Clean Air Act requirements!

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Dear Rules Coordinator Thomas Gunter,

I am writing today to urge you to take action to adopt a Serious Area PM2.5 State Implementation Plan that meets federal Clean Air Act requirements and results in clean air quality along the Wasatch front now and well into the future.

Salt Lake City and surrounding areas in the Wasatch front have been out-of-attainment with federal air quality standards since 2008. Poor air quality along the Wasatch front is harmful to human health and our natural environment.

The fine particulate matter air pollution that builds up during wintertime inversions is so severe that it causes as many as 2,000 premature deaths in our community every year. Exposure to this pollution leads to higher rates of heart attacks, strokes, lung disease, diminished lung function, and increased risk of cancers. Plus, air pollution harms Utah's economy. Businesses have a hard time attracting and retaining workers in an area with such bad air, while increased illness also decreases worker productivity and can increase health care costs.

The current SIP fails to demonstrate how Utah will reach attainment at all air quality monitoring locations, indicating additional measures need to be considered and implemented, including:

- Tightening standards for passenger vehicles by adopting the California Low-Emission Vehicle Program
- Tightening standards for "non-road" vehicles, such as construction and mining equipment, by adopting the California Off-Road Diesel-Fueled Fleets Regulation
- Implementing a winter season burn ban to restrict all wood burning during times we are vulnerable to inversions
- Requiring industries that must comply with the Fugitive Dust Rule to submit records that ensure that they are in compliance with the rule and that their dust mitigation efforts are effective
 - Requiring -- as required by the Clean Air Act -- the installation of regulatory monitors near highways to ensure that air quality in these locations are meeting federal standards and communities near highways are protected from air pollution.

Clean air is critical to Utah's economy and way of life. The State Implementation Plan is an opportunity for Utah to demonstrate real leadership in protecting the current and future health of its most vulnerable communities, while also creating an opportunity for the business community to thrive.

I urge you to adopt a Serious Area PM2.5 State Implementation Plan that protects and improves the health of Utah's residents and our economy.

Sincerely,
Jean Rodriguez

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