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Subject: Request to extend Shelby County IRA Air Monitoring Grant-5Q03D17324 with updated files
Attachments: Revised Air Monitoring Grant Work Plan_MSG EDITS-05282025.docx; S_MEM_Air Monitoring Budget Justification Sheet-MSG-FINAL.doc

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Dear Darren and Erin,

Due to unforeseen delays, the Shelby County Health Department- Air Pollution Control Section (SCHD) is requesting EPA grant a one (1)-year extension to the Shelby County IRA Air Monitoring Grant-5Q03D17324. The current expiration date for the grant is July 31, 2025. Attached to this request are the updated Budget Justification Worksheet and the updated Air Monitoring Grant Work Plan. I need assistance with the 424A document as I have been unable to split the amount over the proposed two-year period. The SCHD plans to send the completed site proposal (site evaluation included) of the South Memphis site (Riverview) to EPA-Region 4 within the next few days (no later than June 3rd).

The quotes have been received regarding equipment, supplies, and contracts with plans to proceed as quickly as possible pending EPA approval. The SCHD plans to expedite the purchasing process immediately upon receiving EPA approval of the site evaluation of the South Memphis (Riverview) site followed by contracting and scheduling for the site preparation. The goal is to begin in Summer 2025 with completion of the site by Fall 2025 or early Winter 2025-2026 depending on the availability/delivery of equipment/supplies as well as scheduling of contractors to complete the project.

In addition, the year-2 extension would include keeping some funds in reserve in the event of unforeseen natural and/or man-made disturbances to the site. The personnel hiring process (to offset the current heavy workload for the Shelby County Air Monitoring Network) would begin shortly to allow for a training period that to ensure the new site operator be adequately trained in time for the monitoring site to be operational. The extension period would also permit the SCHD to offset the funds for FY2026 allowing the ability to locate more secure compensation sources for the new employee in future years safeguarding a smooth transition.

The Shelby County Health Department-Air Pollution Control Section believes that the one-year extension is crucial to the success of the Riverview site project, as it would likely not be possible to complete by the end of the current grant period. The SCHD is happy to assist with anything needed to reach the goal of an EPA-approved one-year extension of the Shelby County IRA Air Monitoring Grant-5Q03D17324.

Best Regards,

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