



July 15, 2022

Lisa Dunning
U.S. EPA, Region 7
11201 Renner Blvd
Lenexa, KS 66219

Dear Ms. Dunning:

As the president of the Kansas Healthcare Engineers Association, KHEA, it is my pleasure to provide this letter of support for the Kansas State University Pollution Prevention Institute (PPI). I understand PPI is applying to EPA for the Source Reduction Assistance Grant Program.

Our organization, KHEA, has a 20-year history working with PPI, specifically Nancy Larson, PPI director and the Principle Investigator for this project. Ms. Larson has assisted KHEA members with everything from mercury elimination in the early days, to pharmaceutical management and greening our O.R practices. She has spoken at our state conferences regularly and completed numerous on-site and phone consultations helping our small and medium-sized hospitals with both source reduction and compliance.

According to the American Hospital Association¹, in partnership with the Department of Health and Human Services, our hospitals are pledging to reduce our sector's carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. A path to understanding and meeting this challenge is unclear. Ms. Larson and the PPI team, including their trained interns, propose to help our members understand the GHG challenge through conference trainings, then help up to 10 small and medium-sized hospitals with documenting their baseline GHGs and identifying key strategies for reduction of GHGs.

As an organization, we will provide in-kind soft match in the form of member time, travel and equipment, providing the required five percent match of up to \$6,500. If this proposal is funded, we pledge our support for the project by sharing the project case study through our newsletter and at our conferences as appropriate.

We urge you to fund this proposal. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at lance.smith@haysmed.com.

Sincerely,

Lance Smith
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¹ <https://www.aha.org/news/headline/2022-04-22-hhs-launches-voluntary-pledge-initiative-reduce-health-sector-emissions>