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ALLEN COUNTY LAUNCHES OZONE ALERT PLAN

(LIMA, OH) – The Allen County Ozone Committee launched the new Ozone Action Plan today at a press conference in Lima City Council Chambers. City, county, and state officials were on hand to discuss the need for the plan to keep local air quality levels at or above federal acceptable standards.

Committee members distributed new literature detailing the Ozone Alert Plan and explained that when meteorological conditions are favorable for the formation of ozone here that “Ozone Alert Days” will be announced. On these days, residents will be asked to take a few simple steps to help reduce those emissions. These steps include: Riding with a friend to work or school, avoiding unnecessary trips in your car, fueling vehicles after 6:00 p.m., avoid mowing your lawn with gas powered mowers or cooking out over charcoal while the “Ozone Alert” is in effect.

Also present to support the new effort were representatives from the Allen County Manufacturing Council, Chamber of Commerce, Ottawa River Coalition, local school superintendents, and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

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