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Our mission is to improve health in Northeast Ohio, by reducing air toxics through sustainable community efforts.

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### THE CLEVELAND CLEAN AIR CENTURY CAMPAIGN UPDATE

#### NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (NEHA) TRAINING

**Linda D. Kimble** was selected to attend the National Environmental Health Association's comprehensive, three-day training course. The course was held on February 18-20, 2004 in Washington, DC. The training course is designed to reflect the new national priorities in addressing indoor air quality and health impacts resulting from indoor air quality (IAQ) contaminants. Specifically material on asthma triggers, environmental tobacco smoke, mold spores, and radon was presented. Recognized authorities in the indoor air field taught the course with a focus on presenting the latest health impact data and remediation strategies. In addition to the educational content of the workshop, participants were trained on how to develop and implement a comprehensive action program.

NEHA is offering this training opportunity again in September, for more information please visit their website at [www.neha.org](http://www.neha.org).

#### PARTNERING FOR A CLEANER COMMUNITY

On March 4, 2004, Ohio EPA announced giving \$40,000 to the Cleveland Municipal School District (CMSD) to install new clean air technology on several CMSD school buses. The money came from two enforcement settlements with Electro Plating and Fabricating Co., and Prince Plating, Inc., for past violations of hazardous waste management requirements at their Cleveland facilities. The CMSD will use the settlement funds to upgrade approximately six school buses with advanced, U.S. EPA-verified pollution control technology, including after-treatment devices and cleaner fuels that reduce emissions of particulate matter, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons. This means cleaner air for students, bus drivers, teachers and the community.

Approximately thirty people gathered for this press event: Speakers included **Bill Skowronski** of the Ohio EPA, **Lyn Luttner** of the U.S. EPA, Matt Carroll of the Cleveland Department of Public Health, and **Reverend Marvin Smith** of the St. Clair Superior Coalition. This milestone event is an outstanding example of ways in which community-based collaboration and enforcement can positively impact the local community.

### **SOUTHWEST GENERAL HOSPITAL KIDS HEALTH FAIR**

On behalf of the Cleveland Clean Air Century Campaign, **Emily Lee** and **Linda D. Kimble** participated in the Southwest General Hospital Kids Health Fair on March 13, 2004. Brochures and fact sheets were distributed about the Cleveland Clean Air Century Campaign, environmental health smoke, and other environmental health issues. Forty smoke-free pledges were signed during this event.

### **LEE-SEVILLE-MILES ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FORUM**

The Lee-Seville-Miles Environmental Health Forum was held on Monday March 29, 2004 from 7:00 pm-9:00pm at the Southeast Seventh Day Adventist Church. Presentations were given on topics including: environmental justice and brownfields, water quality, water pollution control, Garfield Alloy, mercury, and the Cleveland Clean Air Century Campaign. **Richard Connelly** and **Tim Whipple** of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District collected mercury thermometers and exchanged them for digital thermometers. In attendance: **Bill Skowronski**, **Tim Nieberding**, **Lyn Luttner**, **Elvin Vauss**, and **Frances Henderson**. Feedback from the forum was overwhelmingly positive.

### **UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS**

#### Workshop on Healthy Indoor Air in Schools:

The Cleveland Clean Air Century Campaign, in collaboration with the Cleveland Department of Public Health, Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH), and the Cleveland Green Building Coalition, will be presenting a workshop designed for environmental health professionals who want to learn more on the topic of indoor air quality in schools. The seminar will be held on April 28, 2004 @ 9:00am-3: 45 pm at the CCBH, 5550 Ventura Drive, Parma, Ohio. Topics of discussion will include the relationship between indoor air quality and asthma, integrated pest management, and mold. We will also be providing some basic information on the "Tools for Schools" program, which is designed to assist schools in developing practical plans of action to improve their indoor air quality at little or no cost.

#### World Asthma Day:

Join Cleveland Mayor Jane Campbell and the Greater Cleveland Asthma Coalition in proclaiming World Asthma Day and Asthma Awareness Month in Cleveland: Tuesday, May 4, 2004 @9 am - 2 pm; University Hospitals of Cleveland Atrium 11100 Euclid Avenue. There will be games, raffles, prizes, and educational materials.

#### Household Hazardous Waste Collection/Exchange:

In conjunction with the City of Cleveland's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Round-up, the Cleveland Clean Air Century Campaign will be conducting a HHW collection/exchange event: Saturday May 15, 2004 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. There is two drop off sites: 5600 Cedar Ave. and 3727 Ridge Road. The following materials can be taken to the collection sites for recycling or safer disposal: oil-based paint, motor oil, household cleaners, mercury thermometers, and etc.

## **IMPLEMENTATION TEAM UPDATES**

### **Electroplaters:**

At the January 21st meeting, the Working Group approved a change in the focus of the electroplaters. The project will now focus on reducing toxic air emissions from uncontrolled releases at electroplating facilities, such as large spills from equipment malfunctions. The change is based on discussions with local representatives of the Ohio Association of Metal Finishers (OAMF), who are interested in promoting the project to the association's members in Greater Cleveland. The Cuyahoga County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is also interested in participating in the project. An April 8 meeting has been scheduled to finalize details of the project and establish a timeline for completion. **Herb Mausser** (CCACC & LEPC), Randy Solganik (OAMF & LEPC), Cheryl Banaszak (OAMF) and **Stu Greenberg** (CCACC & LEPC) are scheduled to participate in the meeting; Herb & Stu will report results at the next Working Group meeting.

### **Indoor Environments:**

#### *Home Indoor Air Education Campaign-*

The final booklet draft was submitted to the printer on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The team is scheduling to roll out a final product in mid-April and is planning to have approximately 4,000 booklets printed. The 21-page booklet is titled "Home Air Pollution/Should I Worry? A Resource Guide to Preventing Indoor Air Pollution." The team agreed to reallocate monies from the gas can exchange project for the purchase of additional booklets. The Greater Cleveland Asthma Coalition and the American Lung Association of Ohio (ALAO) state office is interested in purchasing additional copies of the booklet.

#### *Environmental Tobacco Smoke-*

At the recent meeting of this workgroup on Monday, February 23rd it was decided to disband any formal meeting schedule and/or activity plan for the EPA Smoke Free Homes (SFH) Pledge campaign in the Greater Cleveland area. The four-workgroup members in attendance agreed that the program could be folded into other projects that may be going on or will be going on. Amy Zavallo from the EPA provided information on the agency's website that she updates with local events and health fair information. The information includes a list of events the EPA will participate in or support (including those that are appropriate for the SFH pledge program). It is updated regularly. Individuals can visit [www.epa.gov/reg5ohio](http://www.epa.gov/reg5ohio) for more information. The team discussed how the money from this project would be utilized several suggestions were discussed: purchasing additional reading rugs for the CMSD, purchasing more booklets, and etc. This issue will be discussed at a future meeting before a final decision is made.

### *Tools for Schools-*

The team decided by consensus that for the Tools for Schools Incentive Pledge project, they are allowing the Cleveland Municipal School District to exceed the amount of \$500.00 per school if the school with extra funds allows the shift of money to another school. The overall amount distributed to the school district is not to exceed \$27,500.00. Forty-eight schools have been provided with funds to purchase equipment/materials for the improvement of IAQ in their schools. Equipment purchased includes: HEPA vacuums, filters, ceiling tiles, and entrance mats.

### **Funding Committee:**

On March 18, the Funding Committee submitted letters of intent to thirteen foundations to seek additional funding for the Campaign. The letter of intent provided a summary of the campaign and its projects and let the grant maker decide whether the project fits before a full proposal is submitted. The committee will follow-up with the foundations in the upcoming weeks.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Healthy Indoor Air in Schools Workshop Planning Meeting  
Thursday April 15 @ 3:00pm

The Cleveland Clean Air Century Campaign New Working Group Member Orientation  
Tuesday April 20 @ 6:00pm-8:00pm

Planning Committee Meeting  
Thursday April 22 @ 11:00am-1:00pm

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

The Cleveland Clean Air Century's website will be updated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month. Future website updates include: The Cleveland Clean Air Century Campaign Update, articles pertaining to air toxics and the campaign, reduction chart, emission inventory fact sheets and report, ICF report, and etc. The home page will be revamped to include photos of Campaign events, logo, mission statement, and etc. Working Group members are encouraged to submit suggestions for the website. Visit the website at [www.ohiolung.org/ccacc.htm](http://www.ohiolung.org/ccacc.htm)