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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

### NEW WORKING GROUP MEMBER ORIENTATION

The Cleveland Clean Air Century Campaign New Working Group Member Orientation was held on Tuesday April 13, 2004 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the American Lung Association of Ohio. The orientation provided new Working Group members with fundamental information about the campaign. Topics of discussion included a brief historical background on the campaign, an overview of air toxics, roles & responsibilities, consensus building, and ground rules. In attendance: Elvin Vauss, Frances Henderson, Ed Resnick, Christopher Kious, Jacqueline Henderson, George Baker, Mary Pat Tyson, Rev. Marvin Smith, Anne Marie Vincent., Linda Kimble, and Sanda Kaufman.

### HEALTHY INDOOR AIR IN SCHOOLS WORKSHOP

On April 28, 2004, 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, presented a workshop designed for environmental health professionals who wanted to learn more on the topic of indoor air quality in schools. Presentations were given on topics including: the relationship between indoor air quality and asthma, integrated pest management, mold, and basic information on the "Tools for Schools" program. Presenters included: John Gayetsky (Ohio Department of Health), Emily Lee (American Lung Association of Ohio), Margaret Huelsman (Ohio State University Extension), Fayette Bright (US EPA), Larry Pitts & Eugene Kidwell (Perkins Public Schools), and Matt Johnson (CCBH). Forty-eight people attended the workshop traveling from six cities and eight counties. Feedback from the workshop participants was overwhelmingly positive.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION /EXCHANGE EVENT

In conjunction with the City of Cleveland's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Round-up, the Cleveland Clean Air Century Campaign conducted a HHW collection/exchange event on Saturday May 15, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Ninety residents participated in this

event bringing in items to the collection sites for recycling or safer disposal. Items collected included: oil-based paint, motor oil, pesticides, mercury thermometers, and other materials that should not be disposed of with household waste.

#### NEW WORKING GROUP MEMBER

Let us welcome our new Working Group member: Tim Goler. Tim is the Director of High Performance Schools for the Cleveland Green Building Coalition. He is interested in working on projects that improve indoor air quality in schools and reduce air pollution.

Colleen M. Lindsey will not be coming aboard as a Working Group member because she is no longer employed with the City of Cleveland Division of Waste Collection & Disposal.

#### UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS

##### Anthem Clean Air Challenge

June 27, 2004 at Burke Lakefront Airport. Walk, bike or run to support the American Lung Association's efforts in promoting lung health and preventing lung disease. Choose between a 12.5 or 30 mile bike tour, 5 kilometer run, or 5 mile walk. Donation is \$16 to participate in any event (\$21 for day-of-event walk-ins). Participants receive free parking, t-shirt, food, and entertainment. Please call 216 – 524 – 5864, or visit online at [www.cleanairchallenge.com](http://www.cleanairchallenge.com) to register or for more information.

#### IMPLEMENTATION TEAM UPDATES

##### Electroplaters:

The Cleveland Clean Air Century Campaign, in collaboration with the Ohio Association of Metal Finishers (OAMF), and The Cuyahoga County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) will be presenting a workshop designed for local electroplaters who want to learn more about toxic release prevention. The seminar will be held on September 9, 2004 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS), 4747 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Cuyahoga Heights, Ohio. Representatives from Ohio EPA, the OSHA Cleveland Area office, the LEPC and the insurance industry will give presentations. Lunch will include a presentation on the Garfield Alloys disaster last year. All interested persons are welcome to register. Stay tuned for additional details.

##### Heavy Duty Fleets:

On May 28, 2004, the team submitted an "Intent to Apply" letter to EPA for their Voluntary Diesel Retrofit Program. EPA is soliciting proposals from state, local, multi-state, and tribal agencies and non-profit public or private organizations or institutions involved with transportation air quality issues, for partnership projects in reducing air pollution from heavy-duty diesel vehicles. The closing date for receipt of full proposals is July 2, 2004.

### Indoor Environments:

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

The 21-page guide "Home Air Pollution/Should I Worry? A Resource Guide to Preventing Indoor Air Pollution." will be ready for distribution on June 14<sup>th</sup>. The team had a total of 4,000 guides printed. The guide is published to help individuals learn how to make the air in their homes healthier. The guides will be distributed to residents throughout northeast Ohio and will also be available at the next Cleveland Clean Air Century Campaign Working Group meeting.

#### *Tools for Schools-*

The team submitted the final payment to the Cleveland Municipal School District for the Tools for Schools Incentive Pledge project. Fifty-five 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:

The American Lung Association of Ohio (ALAO) in collaboration with the Cleveland Clean Air Century Campaign, the Cleveland Municipal School District, Cleveland EcoVillage, and Environmental Health Watch submitted a proposal for the *Cleveland Community-Based Air Toxics Project*. The overall goal for the project is to provide safe and healthy schools, and work and home environments by reducing air toxics, with a special focus on asthma trigger identification and remediation in schools.

The committee members are making follow-up phone calls to foundations that received letters of intent for additional funding from the Campaign.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Cleveland Clean Air Century Campaign Working Group Meeting  
Tuesday June 22 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Visit our website at [www.ohiolung.org/ccacc.htm](http://www.ohiolung.org/ccacc.htm) for additional information about the Cleveland Clean Air Century Campaign.

If you have any information that you would like to circulate through this update please submit your information and details to Linda D. Kimble at [lkimble@ohiolung.org](mailto:lkimble@ohiolung.org)