



Our Neighborhoods

Citizens, government and industry working to promote public understanding and involvement in chemical risk management

Local Companies Recognized for Improving Chemical Safety in the Cincinnati Area

Two local agencies and one individual were honored at the Alliance for Chemical Safety's sixth annual awards dinner on January 17, 2007.

The Risk Reduction Achievement Award: Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services (HCDES) received an award for reducing school children's exposure to diesel emissions from school buses. Since 2003, HCDES has been awarded \$244,000 in grant monies to retrofit 263 school buses in 22 school districts with diesel oxidation catalysts. The grants were received from the U.S. EPA, the Cinergy Foundation, and the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) Regional Council of Governments. As a result, diesel exhaust emissions in the area have been reduced by a total of 9.2 tons per year. Several other benefits were derived from this program, including a 40% reduction in the amount of diesel particulates entering the school buses, the implementation of an anti-idling policy at all participating school districts, and the launch of an anti-idling campaign for all school districts by the agency.

The Risk Communication Excellence Award: The American Red Cross, Cincinnati Chapter, received an award for its sponsorship of Super Safety Saturday since 1998. This day-long event, which is free and open to the public, is held at the Cincinnati Museum Center in July of each year. The event features eight interactive booths on emergency response and preparedness topics such as water safety, fire safety, disaster preparedness, first aid, carbon monoxide and fire alarms, and Shelter In Place. An estimated 5,000 people visit the museum on a daily basis and are exposed to this event each year. The goal of the event is to educate children and their families, who are a primary visitor to the Museum Center.

The Second Mile Award: Deputy Chief Steve Ober of the Miami Township Fire Department received an award for going the extra (or second) mile in furthering the Alliance's mission to improve chemical safety in the Greater Cincinnati area. Chief Ober has worked for many years to improve relationships between the Miami Township Fire Department and local industries through joint training and drills, to create opportunities for advanced training for Miami Township firefighters, and to improve local emergency preparedness through creation of emergency response plans and promotion of Shelter In Place.

Mayor Mallory Named to National Mayors Environmental Council

Cincinnati's Mayor, Mark Mallory was recently appointed to the Mayors Council on Climate Protection (MCCP) by the President of the US Conference of Mayors. This newly created council will help cities implement the provisions of the Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement.

The members of the Council will work together to identify best practices and successful city government programs and policies on environmental issues. The Council will coordinate the resources and efforts of cities to achieve local climate protection.

Mayor Mallory was selected for this position because of his leadership on environmental issues and the positive achievements that he has made in Cincinnati.

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Mayor Mark Mallory (continued from first page)

Since becoming Mayor, Mr. Mallory has begun several initiatives to make Cincinnati a more environmentally progressive community.

➤ In June of 2006, Mayor Mallory and Councilman David Crowley convened a working group to develop a proposal for a new Office of Environmental Quality (OEQ) to recreate some of the functions of the former Office of Environmental Management that was dissolved in 2002. The OEQ was approved by City Council and is currently active.

➤ Mayor Mallory and the Cincinnati Parks Department launched the Cincinnati Green Initiative that included a pilot program to power a building using solar and wind energy; increased use of bio-diesel and ethanol in parks vehicles; and installation of solar-powered trash compacting Smart Trash Cans.

➤ In August 2006, Cincinnati was featured in a report entitled "New Energy for Cities" developed by Apollo Alliance, that highlighted Cincinnati Metro's usage of Bio-Diesel, saving approximately \$1.3 million per year.

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