

The Air You Breathe

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Protect Your Trade Secrets or Confidential Business Information

Ohio Law describes Trade Secrets (TS) information as "...information, including the whole or any portion or phase of any scientific or technical information, design, process, procedure, formula, pattern, compilation, program, device, method, technique, or improvement, or any business information or plans, financial information, or listing of names, addresses, or telephone numbers, that satisfies both of the following:

- (1) It derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use.
- (2) It is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy."

ARAQMD can assist you in protecting your TS information but Ohio Administrative Code 3745-49-03(A) makes it clear that the burden of establishing entitlement to trade secret protection is upon the party requesting that protection.

Here are some tips to protecting your TS or CBI:

Don't email TS or Confidential Business Information (CBI). Emails to public entities including ARAQMD may be considered public record which could be disclosed in a public record request.

The best method for relaying information to Ohio EPA is to use the Ohio EPA e-Business system or, if that is not an option for you, by scanning the documents and sending a disk with the information.

A "proposed public copy" is a copy of the underlying documents with the trade secret information redacted or otherwise removed. If you are entitled

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REPORTING DUE DATES

Many reports are due in the first half of 2019 in accordance with your air permit requirements.

- **Permit Evaluation Report**
due February 15 (some facilities)
- **Annual Emissions Report**
due April 15
- **Title V Compliance Certification**
due April 30
- **Quarterly Compliance Report**
due April 30

Inside Air Quality Tip: CO Alarms

Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarms are a must have in homes that use fossil fuels for heating and/or cooking purposes. They are relatively inexpensive, and you can pick one (or more) up at your favorite DIY or other store that has home goods.

CO is odorless and tasteless. Without the alarm a family has no way to know if there is a problem! And, CO can be fatal at high enough levels.

Be safe. Get an alarm!

Trade Secrets Continued...

to trade secret protection, Ohio EPA will not share the unredacted information without your explicit permission, unless otherwise authorized by State or Federal law.

Required Documentation

Ohio Administrative Code 3745-49-03 prescribes Ohio EPA's process of evaluating claims of trade secret protection. Please note that the burden of establishing entitlement to trade secret protection is upon the party requesting that protection.

There are four documents that you must submit to Ohio EPA. Each is listed below, with relevant information that the rules require.

1. **UNREDACTED COPY.** An unredacted copy (identified as such) of the underlying documents, with each page numbered consecutively from beginning to end;
2. **PUBLIC COPY.** A proposed public copy (identified as such) of the underlying documents, with each page numbered consecutively from beginning to end;
3. **STATEMENT.** A statement that describes each item of information for which trade secret protection is claimed, and that identifies the location of each item in the underlying documents, which justifies the existence of trade secret protection, and explains:
 - a. The nature of the information for which you are seeking protection (i.e. scientific or technical information, design, process, procedure, formula, pattern, compilation, program, device, method, technique, or improvement, or any business information or plans, financial information, or listing of names, addresses, or telephone number);
 - b. How the information derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use;
 - c. The efforts used to maintain its secrecy; and
 - d. That the information is not generally known outside of your organization or otherwise discoverable in other public documentation.
4. **ATTESTATION.** A sworn or affirmed signature, attesting that the statements made in the submission are true and accurate.

If you have general or procedural questions please contact ARAQMD at (330)375-2480. If you have legal questions please contact the Ohio EPA Office of Legal Services at (614) 644-3037 or visit the legal services website at epa.ohio.gov/DivisionsandOffices/LegalServices



New Ohio EPA Director Appointed

In Jan. 2019, Governor Mike DeWine appointed Laurie A. Stevenson as director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. She most recently served as Deputy Director for Business Relations where she served as a primary contact for regulated entities to help coordinate permitting activities within the Agency, particularly for complex projects requiring multiple permits. She also served as chief of Ohio EPA's Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance. DEFA provides financial and technical assistance to businesses and communities to help achieve compliance with the environmental regulations.



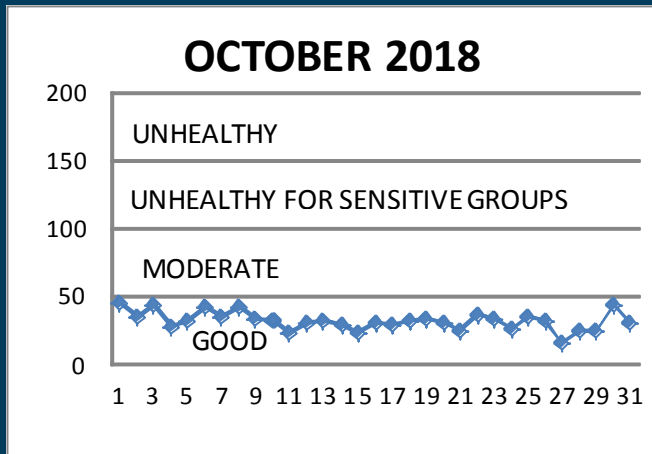
A public servant of 29 years, she previously served as the industrial liaison in the Director's Office and managed Ohio EPA's Small Business Assistance Office (SBAO). She held previous positions in Ohio EPA's Division of Hazardous Waste Management, starting in the Southeast District Office as a hazardous waste field inspector.

Laurie earned a B.S. in Environmental Health from Bowling Green State University and an M.S. in Public Health from The Ohio State University.

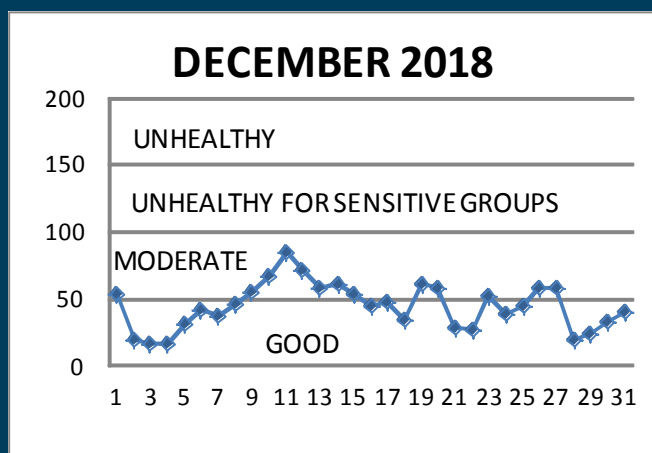
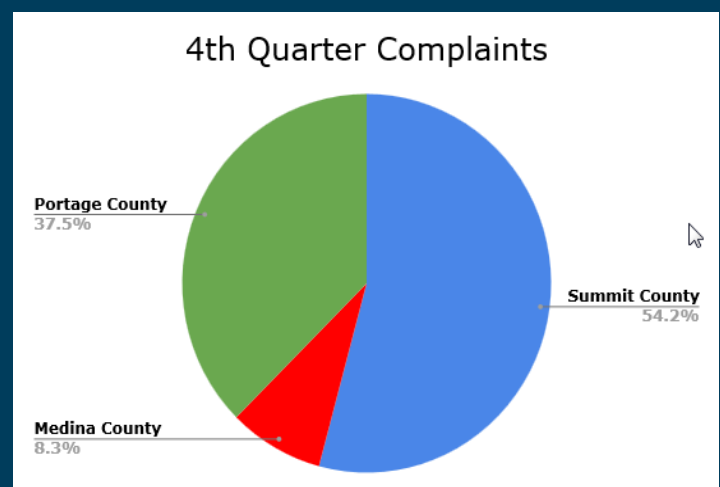
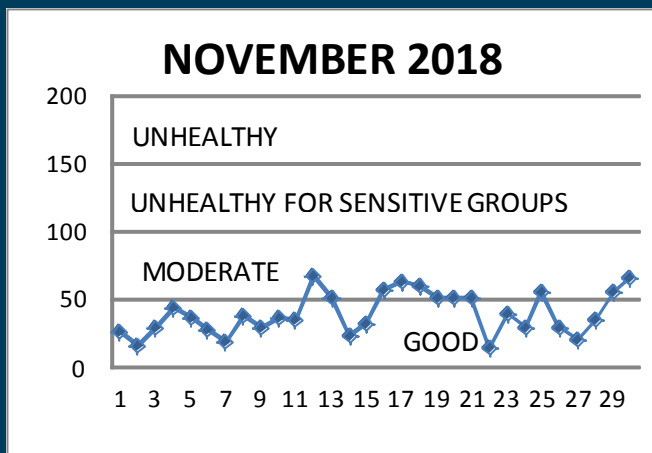
AQ by the Numbers: Fourth Quarter 2018

Air Quality Index

Complaints & Inspections



Area/ Health District	Commercial/ Industrial	Residential	Total
Summit County	6	7	13
Medina County	2	0	2
Portage County	2	7	9
Kent	0	0	0



Site Visits	4th Quarter 2018
FEPTIO	6
Title V	2
Non Title V	34
Full Compliance Evaluations	26

Additional Stats

Permits Issued							
4th Quarter 2018	Permit to Install		Permit to Install & Operate		Title V		Permit by Rule
	Draft	Final	Draft	Final	Draft**	Final	
	0	1	1	16	0	2	12

*Includes -Proposed Preliminary Permits & Proposed Permits

Asbestos	
4th Q—Notifications	64
4th Q—Inspections	41



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It's Our Turn — Ways WE Can Improve Air Quality

ARAQMD is tasked with enforcing air quality regulations that mostly pertain to business and industry. Since the adoption of the Clean Air Act (CAA), and the 1990 Amendments to the CAA, businesses have been working hard to be compliant with the rules. And, regionally, we've seen the results in declining ground level ozone & fine particle pollution! But, future gains will have to be won by all of us shouldering a bit of the burden.

This year, this space will be dedicated to a short article talking about things we can do to improve air quality. Some may be simple—like this edition's, or some may take some planning to implement. But, each and every one of us can, and dare I say *should*, take steps that can lead to cleaner air for everyone.

The spotlight this time is going to be on household cleaners and air fresheners. We are so used to stocking up on our favorite cleaning supplies...the ones we've *always used*...that we really don't stop to consider whether or not those items are good for us or the environment!



Many household cleaners pack a pretty good punch of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). Both of these are known air pollutants. And, when we release them inside our homes, they can cause breathing troubles and deliver microscopic droplets containing chemicals right to our bloodstream via our lungs!

Air fresheners are a big culprit, too. When something is stinky, many of us reach for our favorite brand of air freshener and spray away. What we've just done is released millions of droplets of pleasant smelling, but not good for our health, chemicals! Whether we spray or plug in our air fresheners, we are willingly polluting the air our families breathe!

There are loads of non-toxic options available these days. Even many of the stores we may shop at regularly have better alternatives to the ones we might just reach for out of habit. In the next few months, take the challenge to clean and freshen your home in a healthy way!