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**Statement by Ohio EPA Director Chris Korleski on
U.S. EPA's Redesignation of Washington, Stark, Allen, Belmont and Jefferson
Counties to Attainment for Ozone
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"Through the hard work of Ohio EPA staff and many stakeholders, the air quality in Ohio continues to improve. U.S. EPA has officially recognized that the air quality in five more Ohio counties meets the current national health-based standard for ozone. This reflects continuing progress in Ohio's efforts to improve the quality of life for all Ohio citizens from both the perspectives of public health and economic viability."

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