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**Ohio EPA Awards Environmental Education
Mini Grant to Regional Air Pollution Control Agency**

The Montgomery County Regional Air Pollution Control Agency (RAPCA) has been awarded a \$4,975 Ohio EPA environmental education mini grant to promote its idle reduction program. Eight projects were funded for \$34,513.

The grant will help cover costs for no idling signs, sign posts and printing for RAPCA's campaign to promote motor vehicle idle reduction at schools in the Dayton area. Many school districts already have anti-idling policies in place for their school buses, so the project will target motor vehicle operators waiting in line to drop off or pick up children from school.

In addition to reducing children's direct exposure to diesel exhaust, RAPCA will be working with the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and several Dayton schools to combine this new initiative with two ongoing programs: the Ohio Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School and the U.S. EPA Air Quality Index Flag Program.

The Ohio Environmental Education Fund provides funding each year for environmental education projects targeting kindergarten through university students, the general public and the regulated community. For additional information, visit the [Ohio Environmental Education Fund](#) or call (614) 644-2873.

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The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency was created in 1972 to consolidate efforts to protect and improve air quality, water quality and waste management in Ohio. Since then, air pollutants dropped by as much as 90 percent; large rivers meeting standards improved from 21 percent to 89 percent; and hundreds of polluting, open dumps were replaced with engineered landfills and an increased emphasis on waste reduction and recycling.