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**OZONE FORECAST
 CODE ORANGE ADVISORY
 For Friday, September 2, 2011
 “Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups”**

Memphis, TN. – In cooperation with the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ); the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH); and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), the Shelby County Health Department has issued a **“Code Orange Ozone Forecast” for Friday, September 2, 2011 for the Memphis Metropolitan Area.** The Memphis Metropolitan Area includes Shelby County, Tennessee, Crittenden County, Arkansas, and DeSoto County, Mississippi. A **“Code Orange Ozone Advisory”** means that the ozone levels are forecast to exceed the 8-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). There will be 25-cent rides on MATA buses and trolleys tomorrow during the Ozone Action Day. Call 274-MATA, or visit www.matatransit.com for route information.



Pollutant: Ozone
Today's Forecast: **ORANGE ADVISORY**

Forecast AQI Index: 101 – 150

Quality: Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups

Ozone Reduction Tips:

- Refuel cars and mowers after 7:00 pm
- Carpool and combine daily errands
- Drive less during peak hours or hot days

Under existing Air Quality Index guidelines, the Department expects the ozone levels to reach the classification of **“Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups”**. *The forecast exceedance for tomorrow is expected as a result of stagnant conditions, increased temperatures, and decreased winds.*

Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (Orange) (Advisory)	101 – 150	Active children and adults, and people with respiratory disease, such as asthma, should limit prolonged outdoor exertion.
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For more information concerning air quality, contact the following sources:

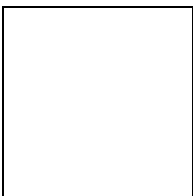
The Shelby County Health Department
Pollution Control Section, (901) 544-7775

<http://www.midsouthcleanair.org/>



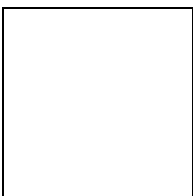
The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality-Planning and Air Quality Analysis Branch-Air Division, (501) 682-0767

<http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/default.htm>



The Arkansas Department of Health (501) 661-2000

<http://www.healtharkansas.com/environment/environment.html>



The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality-Air Standards and Planning-Air Quality, (601) 961-5134

http://www.deq.state.ms.us/MDEQ.nsf/page/Air_Ozone?OpenDocument

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