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OZONE FORECAST CODE ORANGE ADVISORY For Monday, May 15, 2017 *“Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups”*

MEMPHIS – 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 (SCHD) has issued a **“Code Orange Ozone Forecast”** for Monday, May 15, 2017 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”** indicates ozone levels are forecast to exceed the eight-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). **MATA bus and trolley fares will be discounted Monday, May 15, 2017 ONLY.**

Health Precautions:	OZONE REDUCTION TIPS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Active Children and Adults • For Persons With Respiratory Difficulties 	RECOMMENDED DURING “CODE ORANGE OZONE ADVISORIES”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit prolonged outdoor activities during afternoon hours • High ozone levels can cause nose, eye, throat, and lung irritation • High ozone levels can aggravate existing conditions and lead to increased potential for illness in this sensitive group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refuel cars and lawnmowers after 7:00 pm, avoid spills and do not “top off” tanks • Carpool or mass transit • Combine errands instead of many separate trips • Drive less, especially during peak hours or hot days

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Under existing Air Quality Index guidelines, ozone levels are expected 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 one of the following:

SCHD Pollution Control Program at (901) 222-9599 or www.shelbytnhealth.com;

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality-Planning and Air Quality Analysis Branch-Air Division at (501) 682-0767 or www.adeg.state.ar.us/air/default.htm;

The Arkansas Department of Health at (501) 661-2000 or www.healthyarkansas.com/environment/environment.html;

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality-Air Standards and Planning-Air Quality at (601) 961-5134 or www.deq.state.ms.us/MDEQ.nsf/page/Air_Ozone?OpenDocument.

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