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### Ohio EPA Director Testifies before U.S. Senate Hearing

Today Ohio EPA Director Chris Korleski will give testimony before the U.S. Senate Clean Air and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee on the recent U.S. Court of Appeals decision to vacate the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR).

Director Korleski's testimony will focus on the vacatur of CAIR and its impact on Ohio's plan to attain the national ambient air quality standards ("NAAQS") for ozone and particulate matter ("PM"). The Director will also speak to his concerns for public health and economic development issues and the need to determine what remaining air quality gap exists without CAIR in place. Director Korleski will respectfully request the subcommittee members to consider a narrow legislative change to the Clean Air Act to allow US EPA to re-instate CAIR so that certain and significant emission reductions would be re-established.

To view Director Korleski's testimony visit: [www.epa.state.oh.us/dir/pdf/cairstestimony2008.pdf](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dir/pdf/cairstestimony2008.pdf).

The Clean Air and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee is comprised of members from the U.S. Senate Environment and Public works Committee. Members of the subcommittee include: Thomas Carper (Chairman), Joseph I. Lieberman, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Bernard Sanders, George V. Voinovich (Ranking member), Johnny Isakson and Lamar Alexander. Director Korleski attended the hearing at the request of Chairman Carper and Ranking member Voinovich.

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