



PARTNER NEWS

Wisconsin Partners for Clean Air Newsletter

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Welcome Message from WPCA Chair– *Howdy Partners!*

The Partner’s for Clean Air have been busy the past year or so undergoing some organizational matters, developing by-laws, selecting a new chair (*me*), requesting membership renewal, and working on ways to more actively engage our members. Reviving a newsletter is one of the ways we are reconnecting with our coalition. We hope you enjoy it and find it useful. If you have not renewed your (*free*) membership to the Partners, use the contact information below to receive an easy to complete form. Be well.

Erin Lee, WPCA Chair

Good Air = Good News

Things are looking up for Wisconsin with improving air quality. On July 31, 2012, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) formally announced that the ‘Milwaukee-Racine Nonattainment Area’ had been reclassified from nonattainment to attainment for the 1997 8-hour ozone standard. This area included Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Washington, and Waukesha Counties.

The 1997 ozone standard was replaced with a more stringent 2008 standard of 75 parts per billion. Sheboygan County and a portion of Kenosha County are the only areas considered nonattainment of the standard.

Wisconsin anticipates and eagerly awaits final EPA attainment approval of the 2006 fine particulate standard for ‘Milwaukee-Waukesha Nonattainment Area’ which includes Milwaukee, Racine, and Waukesha Counties.

For current air quality information where the Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources monitors outdoor air, call 1-866-Daily Air.

*To view current Air Quality Advisory notices or to **subscribe** for email notifications, go to: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/AirQuality/>*



The Road Ahead

- ◇ We are looking forward to hearing and sharing your air successes. Watch your mailbox and email regarding nomination requests to submit for the annual Clean Air Recognition and Commuter Champ Awards to be presented at the Clean Air Extravaganza in May. For more information and to view past winners, visit www.cleanairwisconsin.org.
- ◇ Can’t wait till May to hear about successes? Send us your air and other environmental successes and we will feature you in the next *Partner News*’ **Spotighting Success**. We plan to showcase successes in each edition.



**Want to be more active in WPCA?
Just let us know and we will invite you to the next Steering Committee meeting.**