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PRESS RELEASE

Ozone Awareness Luncheon to Address Regional Air Quality *Northeast Texas Air Care (NETAC) Marks Beginning of Annual Ozone Season*

Longview, TX, May 18, 2010: Northeast Texas Air Care (NETAC) leaders will join with state officials, federal officials and local industry leaders to mark the beginning of the 2010 Ozone Season for East Texas on Tuesday, May 25th, at Maude Cobb in Longview from 11:30 am to 1:00pm. A NETAC Policy Committee meeting will follow at 1:00 pm.

NETAC Co-Chairs, Gregg County Judge Bill Stoudt and Tyler Mayor Barbara Bass, will welcome luncheon attendees. Speakers for the event include Sue Kemball-Cook of ENVIRON, presenting *Air Quality Implications of the Haynesville Shale Development*, and Jim Mathews, NETAC General Counsel. The luncheon will also feature NETAC's 2010 Air Quality Progress Report.

The annual Ozone Awareness Luncheon is designed to raise public awareness of air quality during the season that officially runs from May 1st through September 30th of each year. Throughout this time, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) declares an Ozone Action Day whenever conditions are favorable for the formation of ozone at ground levels. On such days, local governments, citizens, and industry are encouraged to reduce or refrain from activities that emit ozone-forming chemicals.

For more information, contact ETCOG's Environmental Manager, Rick McKnight at 903.984.8641 x209.

About NETAC

Northeast Texas Air Care (NETAC) is a voluntary, cooperative association of local governments and industries that was formed to fill the need of a more organized and comprehensive approach to improving air quality based on regional needs. NETAC is administered by the East Texas Council of Governments.



About ETCOG

The East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) is a voluntary association of counties, cities, school districts and special districts within the fourteen-county East Texas region. ETCOG assists local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating for sound regional development. Established in 1970, ETCOG, either directly, or through its contractors, provides programs and services for East Texas seniors, employers, and job seekers. ETCOG and its contractors also build the 9-1-1 emergency call delivery system, provide peace officer training and homeland security planning services; and deliver rural transportation services, business finance programs, and environmental grant funding for the region.

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