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### **OAQDA Approves \$210 Million in Financing for Honda in Ohio**

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) authorized Honda of America Manufacturing to receive up to \$210 million in Air Quality Development Revenue Bond financing at OAQDA’s September meeting. Honda will use the funds to construct a new paint line for its Acura and Honda models at the Marysville Auto Plant (MAP).

When complete, the new paint shop will be the most energy-efficient paint line in Honda’s US automobile production network. Auto body painting can account for as much as 60 percent of an automobile plant’s total energy use.

The new paint facility will utilize numerous new technologies to significantly reduce energy use, water use and chemical emissions from the vehicle painting process at MAP using domestic and globally sourced parts.

“Honda is committed to delivering products that have outstanding quality and low environmental impact” said Tom Shoupe, executive vice president and COO of Honda of America, Mfg., Inc. “With this new investment, our Ohio operations are once again raising the bar for quality and environmentally responsible manufacturing operations.”

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The new paint shop will use a more compact and energy efficient process eliminating one primer-coat curing oven. To facilitate the new short process, the line will also use a 2K waterborne primer designed exclusively for Honda in conjunction with its paint material supplier. The combination of the new 2K waterborne primer coat and waterborne base coat will reduce volatile organic compound emissions by nearly 66 percent compared to current operations on the existing paint line.

The new paint line also will employ “dry-booth” technology, which uses limestone dust in place of water to capture paint overspray, reducing water use by two million gallons annually. Eliminating water used to capture paint particulates will prevent the creation of paint sludge as a waste byproduct, resulting in the elimination of more than 255 tons of sludge. Additionally, the new booth will reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 18 percent or 12,000 metric tons annually.

“We are pleased that Honda is able to utilize OAQDA revenue bond funds for this clean air equipment that will be used to control emissions at the new paint line in Marysville. This project is a terrific example of how businesses of all sizes can use financing through OAQDA to preserve and protect air quality while benefitting the company’s bottom line,” Chadwick Smith, OAQDA executive director, said.

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The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) is a non-regulatory government agency created to help Ohio businesses comply with clean air regulations. Since its creation in 1970, the Authority has provided technical and financial help to hundreds of large and small Ohio businesses, awarding more than \$8 billion to finance air quality projects. For more information about OAQDA and its services, please visit its web site at [www.ohioairquality.org](http://www.ohioairquality.org).