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**OAQDA Issues Bond Financing, Grant Assistance for  
Family-Owned Dry Cleaner in Medina**

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) closed on \$80,000 in bond financing for new air quality control equipment with Superior Cleaners, a family-owned dry-cleaning business which has operated in Medina since 2001. OAQDA approved the bond financing along with grant assistance for up to \$24,000 during its August 13 meeting and issued the bonds in November.

Superior Cleaners, 3725 Medina Rd., will purchase and install new dry-cleaning equipment that uses environmentally friendly solvents to preserve and protect the environment while also providing healthier conditions for customers and employees. As a result, the dry cleaner will eliminate a harmful solvent from their process called PERC (Perchloroethylene), which is a known carcinogen.

“OAQDA is pleased to work with small businesses across Ohio to improve air quality while growing their businesses. Our small business program is especially designed for projects like the one with Superior Cleaners to help them comply with federal environmental regulations through our financial assistance,” Christina O’Keeffe, OAQDA executive director said.

Business owners James and Karen Ledbetter have more than 30 years of experience in the dry-cleaning industry and currently employ 18 people. Superior Cleaners has two locations serving the Medina County area.

“This financing from OAQDA allows us to create a safer environment for employees and customers by eliminating a hazardous contaminant and preserving the quality of the air,” Jimmy Ledbetter, president of Superior Cleaners, said.

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Elimination of PERC has been the focus of the dry-cleaning industry. Superior Cleaners also is working with the Ohio EPA on the required permitting related to the installation and operation of this new equipment.

“Improvements like this will help preserve Ohio’s air quality and promote a healthy environment. I am pleased to see local businesses making clean air a priority for our communities,” State Sen. Larry Obhof, (R-Medina), 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).