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**Cleveland Area Dry Cleaner Approved for Financing from OAQDA**  
***New Equipment Will Save Money, Protect the Environment***

COLUMBUS – Society Dry Cleaners, 11062 Prospect Rd., Strongsville, received financing approval for up to \$85,000 from the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) at its August meeting to purchase equipment that will help the business become a clean air facility.

Society Dry Cleaners, a Cuyahoga County commercial and retail dry-cleaning business, began serving the Cleveland area in 1979.

The business will use the financing from OAQDA, through the agency’s Clean Air Resource Center (CARC) program to purchase and install a multi-faceted cleaning system. The new equipment is designed to save costs of acquisition and operation, while at the same time protecting the environment.

“Thanks to the financing from CARC, this project will help us make the work environment cleaner and safer for our employees while providing safe, top-quality service to our customers,” Steve Shoukair, president of Society Dry Cleaners, said.

He added that the new machine will utilize a new solvent dry cleaning machine and wet cleaning machine that have the capacity to use alternative cleaning solvents to Perochloroethylene (PERC). The elimination of PERC from the environment is a major goal of the USEPA and the dry cleaning industry.

“Society Dry Cleaners is demonstrating that efficient and cost saving business practices and a clean environment can go hand in hand,” State Sen. Matt Dolan, (R- Chagrin Falls), said.

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“We are grateful to have businesses in our community like Society Dry Cleaners that are making the commitment to preserve our environment and improve air quality,” State Rep. Thomas Patton, (R-Strongsville), said.

This project for Society Dry Cleaners is an example of the financing OAQDA provides for pollution control or prevention equipment for Ohio’s small businesses through the Clean Air Resource Center (CARC). Projects like this support CARC’s mission of preserving clean air in Ohio.

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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).