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**Montgomery County Dry Cleaner Approved for Financing from OAQDA**  
***New Equipment to Eliminate PERC Usage***

COLUMBUS – A long-time dry cleaning business operating in the Dayton area since 1942 received financing approval for up to \$120,000 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.

Long Cleaners has three store locations in Miamisburg, Beavercreek and Fairborn. The company will use the financing from OAQDA through the agency's Clean Air Resource Center (CARC) program to replace their current dry cleaning equipment with a new machine to utilize a non-PERC solvent, assure high quality cleaning and reduce water and energy usage.

“This financing through OAQDA provides significant operational improvements for our business. With the ability to use these alternative solvents, we will be able to switch to a cleaning system which will eliminate hazardous waste,” Tom Perry, owner of Long Cleaners, said.

The solvents to be used in the new system are alternatives to Perochloroethylene (PERC). The new system features the use of a biodegradable organic solvent, which is one of the main PERC solvent substitutes in the industry, according to Perry.

“We are pleased that Long Cleaners puts a priority on using equipment that improves the quality of the air in the Ohio communities in which it operates,” State Sen. Peggy Lehner, (R- Kettering, said.

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Long Cleaners is an example of the financing OAQDA provides for pollution control or prevention equipment to Ohio's small businesses through the Clean Air Resource Center (CARC). These projects 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).