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Northeast Integration Center Approved to Receive up to \$2.8 Million in Financing for Energy Efficiency, Conservation Project from OAQDA
Retrofits and upgrades to reduce annual energy consumption by 23%

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) approved financing of up to \$2.8 million for the installation of new energy efficiency and conservation systems at the Northeast Reintegration Center in Cuyahoga County at the Authority’s September meeting.

The OAQDA financing will assist Gardiner Service Company and the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) acting on behalf of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, with the installation of a broad range of energy system retrofits at the facility. These retrofits include the replacement of existing water heating equipment with high efficiency boilers, LED lighting retrofits, a centralized building management system and new windows.

The proposed energy conservation project will reduce utility bills, operations and maintenance at the facility by \$286,722 annually, or about 23 percent. The reduction in carbon dioxide and nitrogen dioxide is equivalent to removing 534 cars off the road, 269 homes electricity use or the amount sequestered by 2,935 acres of U.S. forest for one year.

Northeast Reintegration Center began operations in Cleveland in 1988. The 14-building, 14 acre campus currently houses 558 inmates with 152 staff and is classified as a minimum security early release center.

“Energy conservation and the wise use of operational funds are critical missions for our public partners. We are pleased that our experience working with state agencies, local school districts, and higher education was of value in this project,” OFCC Executive Director David Williamson said.

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.