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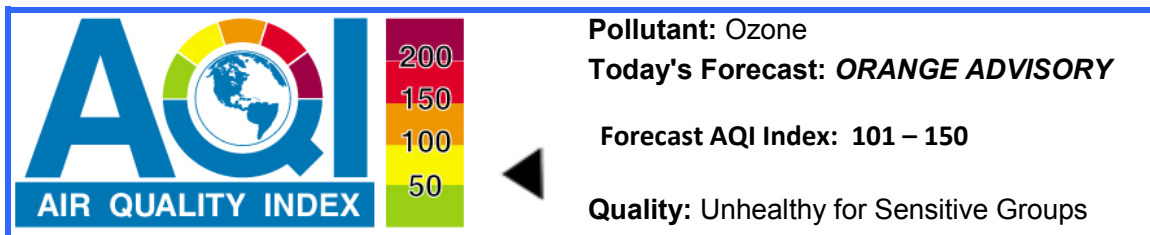
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**OZONE FORECAST  
 CODE ORANGE ADVISORY  
 For Wednesday, August 3, 2011  
 “Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups”**

**Memphis, TN.** – In cooperation with the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ); the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH); and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), the Shelby County Health Department has issued a **“Code Orange Ozone Forecast” for Wednesday, August 3, 2011 for the Memphis Metropolitan Area.** The Memphis Metropolitan Area includes Shelby County, Tennessee, Crittenden County, Arkansas, and DeSoto County, Mississippi. A **“Code Orange Ozone Advisory”** means that the ozone levels are forecast to exceed the 8-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). There will be 25-cent rides on MATA buses and trolleys tomorrow during the Ozone Action Day. Call 274-MATA, or visit [www.matatransit.com](http://www.matatransit.com) for route information.



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|  |  | <p><b>Ozone Reduction Tips:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refuel cars and mowers after 7:00 pm</li> <li>• Carpool and combine daily errands</li> <li>• Drive less during peak hours or hot days</li> </ul> |
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Under existing Air Quality Index guidelines, the Department expects the ozone levels to reach the classification of “Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups”. *The forecast exceedance for tomorrow is expected as a result of stagnant conditions, increased temperatures, and decreased winds.*

Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (Orange) <b>(Advisory)</b>	101 – 150	Active children and adults, and people with respiratory disease, such as asthma, should limit prolonged outdoor exertion.
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**For more information concerning air quality, contact the following sources:**

The Shelby County Health Department  
Pollution Control Section, (901) 544-7775

<http://www.midsouthcleanair.org/>



**The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality-Planning and Air Quality Analysis Branch-Air Division, (501) 682-0767**

<http://www.adeg.state.ar.us/air/default.htm>

**The Arkansas Department of Health (501) 661-2000**

<http://www.healtharkansas.com/environment/environment.html>

**The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality-Air Standards and Planning-Air Quality, (601) 961-5134**

[http://www.deq.state.ms.us/MDEQ.nsf/page/Air\\_Ozone?OpenDocument](http://www.deq.state.ms.us/MDEQ.nsf/page/Air_Ozone?OpenDocument)

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