NEWS RELEASE Monday, April 18, 2016

James M. Adams, Canton City Health Commissioner, has issued a Health Advisory for Stark County due to elevated concentrations of Ozone in the air that were measured within the last 24 hours.

The eight-hour average for ozone reached 79 parts per billion by late afternoon Sunday, April 17, 2016, resulting in an Air Quality Index of 111, which is in the "Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups" category. People with respiratory disease, children, older adults, and people who are active outdoors are the groups most at risk. People in these sensitive groups should consider limiting prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion.

The weather forecast today calls for a high temperature of 78 and a 0% chance of rain, so we anticipate the ozone levels to again be elevated with a chance of the air quality index being over 100 and in the "Unhealthful for Sensitive Groups" category.

Questions concerning this health advisory may be directed to James Adams, Canton City Health Department at (330) 489-3231.
