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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### As world leaders discuss climate change solutions, black carbon emissions continue to foul Ohio's air

Columbus, OH – As leaders from around the world meet in Copenhagen, Denmark, to discuss global climate change strategies, a greenhouse gas called black carbon is polluting Ohio's air.

Black carbon comes from diesel engines (and other sources) and, as a warming agent, is about 2,000 times more potent than the equivalent amount of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) over a 20-year period. 41% Of U.S. black carbon emissions come from on-road vehicles with diesel engines and 16% from off-road diesels.

In Ohio, diesels emit 6,032.64 tons of particulate matter per year.

Solutions to diesel pollution include filters and a need for federal green construction contract language.

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- Who:** David R. Celebrezze, Ohio Environmental Council
- What:** How green construction contract language can reduce our greenhouse gases and reduce health impacts from diesel engines.
- Where:** In front of the post office on Grandview Ave:  
1391 Grandview Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43212-2858  
(Metered parking; as well as in the Grandview Center)
- Time:** Friday, December 18, 2009  
10:30 a.m.
- Visuals:** Diesel soot  
Black carbon particle  
Video of a diesel particulate filter reducing pollution

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