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### HARRISON ETHANOL, LLC RECEIVES SUPPORT FROM OHIO AIR QUALITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

#### ***Ethanol production facility to create 420 local full and part-time jobs***

Columbus, OH – Harrison Ethanol, LLC will receive financing assistance from the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) to construct an ethanol production facility in Harrison County.

Specifically, Harrison Ethanol will use a \$70 million OAQDA revenue bond to finance ethanol production equipment that will be used at a 15 million-gallon per year ethanol plant. The company will combine agriculture with industrial chemical production to make ethanol.

“Approximately 420 jobs - 140 full-time site jobs and 280 construction jobs - will be created through completion of Ohio’s first biorefinery,” said Wendell Dreve, CEO of Farmer’s Ethanol, the parent company of Harrison Ethanol. “We are enjoying a high level of local community support. The project will not only bring jobs, but will benefit the local agricultural community by preserving farming as a way of life in Harrison County.”

Ethanol is a high-octane fuel additive used to enhance gasoline performance and reduce gasoline exhaust emissions. Typically, it is derived primarily from corn, a domestic, readily available agricultural commodity. The Harrison Ethanol project will use corn to produce ethanol. Once the corn is processed, it will be available as food for livestock. In addition, about half the distiller’s grains will be fed to dairy and beef cattle owned by the operation or local farmers. The remaining distiller’s grains will be dried and sold to farmers.

“This project will not only produce ethanol; it will make a significant contribution to agriculture in Appalachian Ohio and make use of the latest technology to turn agricultural waste into energy,” said Mark R. Shanahan, Executive Director of OAQDA. “OAQDA offers financing assistance to encourage companies to invest in biofuel production plants, an industry which is experiencing accelerated growth in Ohio and across the nation.”

Ohio is the seventh largest corn-producing state and one of the three largest ethanol-consuming states. In 2002, Gov. Taft signed into law Senate Bill 144, which qualifies ethanol and biofuel production plants as air quality facilities, 100 percent eligible for OAQDA financing.

### **About the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority**

The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority 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 businesses in Ohio, awarding more than \$4 billion in bonds to finance air quality projects. As part of its role, OAQDA also assists small businesses by providing grants to help defray financing costs. OAQDA is also the home of the Ohio Coal Development Office, one of the nation's largest state-funded clean coal technology research, development and deployment programs. For further information, call 614-224-3383 or visit the OAQDA Web site at [www.ohioairquality.org](http://www.ohioairquality.org).

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