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John A. Paul selected for national award

John A. Paul, Administrator of the Regional Air Pollution Control Agency, which is part of Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County, has been selected by the Air & Waste Management Association as the 2009 winner of the prestigious “S. Smith Griswold Outstanding Air Pollution Control Official Award.” He will be recognized at the 102nd Annual Conference & Exhibition, on June 18, 2009 in Detroit, Michigan.

The S. Smith Griswold Award is awarded for outstanding accomplishment in the prevention and control of air pollution. The recipient’s contributions to the prevention and control of air pollution must be widely recognized by persons in the air pollution control field.

Mr. Paul, who has served with the Regional Air Pollution Control Agency for over 35 years, is known for his many contributions locally and nationally. Montgomery County Health Commissioner Jim Gross, explains “While local community leaders are well aware of John’s many contributions to better air quality, it is nice to see him recognized at the national level. This recognition as the top air pollution control official in the country is well-deserved and a tremendous honor.”

Mr. Paul has served as past-President of ALAPCO, the national association of local air quality officials (now a part of the National Association of Clean Air Agencies), co-chair for many national air quality committees, as well as serving as the legislative liaison for the Ohio Local Air Pollution Control Officials Association.

S. Smith Griswold (1909-1971) served from 1954-1965 as Chief Air Pollution Control Officer for the Los Angeles Air Pollution Control District. In 1964, he became Chief of the Abatement Branch of the Division of Air Pollution Control, HEW. When he left the federal government in 1967 to become a Washington, D.C., consultant, Griswold was Associate Director for Abatement and Control. As president of the Association in 1962, he focused international attention on the activities, problems and achievements of air pollution control officers.