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News Release

LiveGreenFest *Clean Air Drive* Event to Kick Off Ozone Season

San Antonio, April 6, 2006 – Ozone Season is here and the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) with the City of San Antonio are joining CPS Energy to host LiveGreenFest *Clean Air Drive*, an event to educate the public on the harmful health effects of ozone pollution and what citizens can do to protect themselves and the air they breathe as well as general environmental awareness and conservation.

The event will be held on Saturday, April 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Eisenhower Park at 19399 NW Military Drive (just north of Loop 1604).

A special part of this year's event will be the presentation of awards to the winners of the Alamo Area Energy Leadership Awards contest coordinated through the Metropolitan Partnership for Energy. The winners will be local students from grades 6-12 who have developed outstanding posters based upon the solar energy theme.

Other attractions at the LiveGreenFest *Clean Air Drive* event will include:

- Free Tree Giveaway
- Car Care Alley
- Kid's Scavenger Hunt
- Free Bike Tune-ups
- Live Entertainment
- Free Electronics Recycling
- Pet Adoption
- VIA Classroom on Wheels
- Environmental Awareness Information
- Free giveaways for children and adults

According to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, high concentrations of ozone can cause a shortness of breath, coughing or wheezing, headaches, nausea, as well as throat and lung irritation. The LiveGreenFest *Clean Air Drive* event will provide free air quality and health information, including how to know when ozone pollution might reach harmful levels in our area and how to protect those who are especially susceptible: children, the elderly, and people with respiratory conditions.

In the San Antonio area, vehicles traveling our roadways are the largest single source of the air pollution that creates ozone.

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