TO: Local Media

FROM: Nicole Anjeski, Public Health Director

RE: Health Alert: Air Quality Health Advisory in Cortland County Issued for 6/28

DATE: 6/27/2023

An air quality health advisory has been issued by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and NYS Department of Health, effective 6/28/23 from 12 AM to 11:59 PM for Central New York, including Cortland County.

Central New York is forecasted to reach the “unhealthy for sensitive groups” Air Quality Index level on 6/28/23. If the Air Quality Index reaches this level, community members should:

- People with heart or lung disease, older adults, children, and teens should reduce exposure by choosing less strenuous activities or shortening the amount of time they are outdoors.
- Everyone else can enjoy outdoor activities.
- Check current air quality to see if there are times in the day when air quality is okay for outdoor activities. Air quality can be checked here: https://www.airnow.gov/?city=Cortland&state=NY&country=USA

For additional information, please visit the NYS DEC website at: https://on.ny.gov/nyaqi or call the Air Quality Hotline at: 800-535-1345.