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NORTH TEXAS CLEAN AIR COALITION NAMES NEW LEADERS *Officers and Board of Directors Announced*

DALLAS/FORT WORTH, TEXAS (December 23, 2008) – The North Texas Clean Air Coalition, a nonprofit organization dedicated to encouraging voluntary efforts to improve air quality, elected its slate of officers and board of directors for 2009, Jennifer Cohen, project director for the North Texas Clean Air Coalition announced today.

The newly-named board of directors is responsible for guiding and directing the North Texas Clean Air Coalition in its mission to educate, engage and recognize the business community's efforts to improve air quality in our region.

The 2009 board of director's officers are: Chairman Cathy Altman, Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, LLP; Chairman Elect Richard Maxwell, The T; Immediate Past Chairman Dennis Mochon, Dallas Area Rapid Transit; Secretary Allen Wallach, Concussion High Impact Communications; and Business Community Outreach Committee Chairman Tony Mendoza, Dallas Area Rapid Transit.

The 2009 board also includes Jay Barksdale, Greater Dallas Chamber; D.D. Currie, Lockheed Martin; Joe Downing II, Bell Helicopter; Jacqui Evett, Adolfson & Peterson Construction; Howard Gilberg, Guida, Slavich & Flores, P.C.; John O. Hedrick, Denton County Transportation Authority; Rusty Hodapp, Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport; Leah King, Chesapeake Energy; Commissioner John Matthews, Johnson County; Tony McQuary, Peterbilt Motors Company; Mindy Mize, North Central Texas Council of Governments; Brinton Payne, Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce; Dan S. Petty, North Texas Commission; and Kathy Thomas, Half Price Books.

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According to Cohen, this year's board of directors is comprised of individuals representing some of our region's most notable businesses, local governments and nonprofits. "With EPA penalties that would negatively impact the growth of North Texas looming and air quality as a top-of-mind concern, we continue to recruit leading executives and organizations to help achieve our mission to improve the air we breathe," said Cohen.

For more information on the North Texas Clean Air Coalition, how to volunteer, become a sponsor, and how to do your share for cleaner air, visit www.workingforcleanair.org.

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About the North Texas Clean Air Coalition

The North Texas Clean Air Coalition is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization that is supported by the generosity of local companies who share their concern for the air quality in our region and their mission to encourage *voluntary efforts* to improve air quality in North Texas through *educating, engaging, and recognizing* the business community. Established in 1993, the North Texas Clean Air Coalition's founding members include the North Texas Commission, the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, the Dallas Regional Chamber, and the North Central Texas Council of Governments. Dallas Area Rapid Transit, the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (The T) and Denton County Transportation Authority joined shortly thereafter as members.