Central Ohio

Air quality conditions during May 2018 were worse than those reported in May 2017 and May 2016. Temperatures that were well above average and longer days with more sunlight contributed to enhanced ozone production. These conditions, combined with a series of upper-level ridges of high pressure that limited atmospheric mixing, led to elevated ozone levels on many days, including four Air Quality Alerts Days. In contrast, in May 2017, near-normal temperatures limited ozone formation and led to Good AQI levels on the majority of days.

In May 2018, AQI levels in the Columbus region were Good on 14 days, Moderate on 16 days, and Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (USG) on 1 days. Air Quality Alerts were issued on May 1, 25, 28, and 29.

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