



Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District
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NOTICE OF HEALTH ADVISORY

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VALID UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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AVAQMD ISSUES SMOKE ADVISORY

Lancaster – Due to windblown smoke from the Thomas Fire currently burning in the Los Padres National Forest in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) has issued a Smoke Advisory for the Antelope Valley. Wildfires generate smoke containing numerous air pollutants including fine particulates known as PM10 and PM2.5. Levels of smoke and particles will depend on changes in winds and the containment of the fire.

The District is recommending that children, older individuals, and those with pre-existing heart and lung problems should avoid outdoor activity, whenever they can smell smoke in their immediate area. Effects can be as mild as a headache; eye, nose or throat irritation; or as serious as triggered asthma episodes. Adverse health impacts may also be seen in normally healthy individuals, if they are engaged in strenuous outdoor activities during periods of exposure to ground-level smoke. All individuals are urged to exercise caution and avoid unnecessary outdoor activities in any area directly impacted by smoke. **If you can smell smoke, it is advisable to exercise caution and limit your outdoor activity.**

Sensitive individuals should stay indoors with windows and doors closed whenever there is smoke at ground level in their area. This advisory will remain in effect until further notice.

For additional air quality information, or to sign up for EnviroFlash, the AVAQMD's automated e-mail and cell phone forecast service, visit www.avaqmd.ca.gov.

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