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Yolo-Solano AQMD Extends Air Quality Alert

An Air Quality Alert is in effect and will remain in effect while smoke impacts continue in the District. Yolo-Solano AQMD will issue updates as additional information becomes available.

(DAVIS, CA) – The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District continues to extend the Air Quality Alert due to smoke from the LNU Lightning Complex and now smoke from nearby August and North Complex fires. Today marks the 15th day an Alert has been issued for the District, which includes all of Yolo County, Vacaville, Dixon and Rio Vista. Air monitors continue to show significant impacts from smoke causing AQI in the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups to Unhealthy ranges throughout the District.

Hazy skies and poor air quality should persist in the District for most of the week as north winds are forecasted to continue pushing smoke into the valley through Wednesday. Seasonal stagnant weather conditions and a potential heat wave will contribute to continued air quality impacts across the region.

The District recommends the following actions:

- Lower your outdoor exposure, especially if you are sensitive to air quality. Children, the elderly, women who are pregnant, and people with respiratory or heart conditions should be careful to avoid exposure or outdoor activity. Follow your doctor's directions regarding medicines and asthma management plans. Call your doctor if symptoms worsen.
- Reduce your outdoor physical activity. Exercise increases the amount of air lungs intake by as much as 10 to 20 times. Air pollution affects everyone, regardless of age, fitness level or health.
- Close windows and doors to prevent additional particulate matter from entering. Turn on your air conditioner if possible. If you are driving, reduce the amount of outdoor air coming inside the car by keeping windows and doors closed. Keep vents shut and if possible use the car's 'recirculate air' option.
- Check current particulate matter readings and conditions by visiting www.airnow.gov
- Sign up to receive air quality alerts from the District at https://ysaqmd.enviroflash.org

While smoke impacts persist, Air Quality Alerts will be updated and posted daily on Facebook and Twitter. For more information on the Yolo-Solano AQMD, including signing up for air quality alerts, visit www.ysaqmd.org. Connect with the District on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/YoloSolanoAir or on Twitter at: www.twitter.com/YoloSolanoAir.