

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT MEDIA RELEASE

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Air District issues health advisories for Thursday

Continued smoggy conditions in many parts of the central and southern San Joaquin Valley have prompted Air Pollution Control Officer David L. Crow to issue health advisories for Arvin, Edison, Fowler, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley and Sanger again today. Additionally, today's smog warnings include the Fresno-Clovis metropolitan area. The advisories are in effect from 3 to 7 p.m. Schools in the affected areas should cancel all outdoor activities this afternoon.

All residents in these areas should adhere to the following protective measures during the smoggy episode:

- • Avoid strenuous, outdoor physical activities that increase the breathing rate.
- • If possible, try to remain indoors using a closed-system air conditioner to re-circulate air until the episode has passed.
- • Avoid lung irritants such as cigarette smoke, strong solvents, aerosols, dust, and paint fumes.
- • Try to avoid traffic-congested areas.

Additionally, in an effort to immediately improve air quality, the District is asking all residents to carpool, combine trips and postpone nonessential use of any type of gasoline-powered engine for the next 24 hours.