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AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT
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Valley Air District issues another cautionary advisory

Fresno, CA –Levels of fine airborne particles are at unhealthy levels in some areas of Fresno/Clovis. This prompted Air Pollution Control Officer David L. Crow to extend the cautionary advisory for the Fresno/Clovis metropolitan area. The fire in southwest Fresno that continues to burn and smolder led the Air District to extend the cautionary advisory at least through 3 p.m Wednesday, January 15.

The Air District will continue to monitor meteorological conditions and emissions each day. "There is a chance we could continue to issue these advisories until the fire is extinguished," said Mr. Crow. "We have not the significant peaks in particulate matter pollution at our Fresno monitoring stations today that we saw yesterday. However, we know that there are localized pockets where smoke is creating unhealthy breathing conditions. We continue to urge residents to be aware of conditions in their area."

Residents in the Fresno/Clovis areas should adhere to the following protective measures during the duration of the advisory.

- All residents are encouraged to avoid and/or limit strenuous outdoor physical activities which may increase the breathing rate.
- If possible, try to remain indoors until the episode has passed.
- Recirculate indoor air.

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- Do not smoke, and avoid places where others are smoking.

Schools are encouraged to discontinue sustained rigorous outdoor exercise/practice or games for the duration of the advisory.

PM is a mixture of pollutants, including microscopic pieces of soot, ash, salts, nitrates and smoke particles. Breathing the particles can reduce lung function, especially in children; aggravate heart and lung conditions such as asthma, emphysema and bronchitis; increase the risk of heart attacks; irritate throats and sinuses; and trigger headaches and allergies.

Please notify your audience of the prevailing air quality conditions and possible health effects. For the daily air quality forecast, residents may call 1-800-SMOG-INFO (766-4463). The information is updated daily at 4 p.m. for that evening and the following day.