

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT MEDIA RELEASE

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Air pollution health advisory issued for southeast Fresno and northeast Tulare counties

Smog levels in southeast Fresno and northeast Tulare counties, specifically the cities of Dinuba, Orange Cove, Parlier and Reedley, have spiked sharply in the past hour, prompting Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer Mark Boese to declare a health advisory episode for those areas in effect until 7:00 p.m. Schools there should discontinue strenuous youth activities immediately. All persons in this area should adhere to the following protective measures during this time:

- • Avoid strenuous, outdoor physical activities that increase the breathing rate.
- • If possible, try to remain indoors using the air closed-system air conditioner to re-circulate air until the episode has passed.
- • Do not smoke, and avoid other lung irritants such as strong solvents, aerosols, dust, and paint fumes.

Air pollution in the rest of the San Joaquin Valley remains high and residents should be cautious. Tomorrow, smog levels are forecast to reach 200 on the Air Quality Index in Madera, Fresno and Kings counties. For Tulare and the Valley portion of Kern, the regional forecast is 179 AQI. San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Merced counties are expected to reach 164 AQI tomorrow.

For the daily air quality forecast, residents may call 1-800-SMOG-INFO (766-4463) or log onto the District's web site, www.valleyair.org.