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Dysfunctional policy

After reading the recent article, "No toasty fire? Blame the weather," I decided to write.

We have been told (many times) much of our pollution arrives in Kern County from the north of us. Therefore, I decided to call the 1-800-info telephone number for fireplace wood burning and conduct a random sample. This is what I learned:

On Sunday, Dec. 11 Stanislaus County was allowed to burn and on Monday Dec. 12, Fresno, Tulare and Kings counties were allowed to burn. We in Kern County were prohibited from burning both days.

Question: How do the pseudo cops at the San Joaquin Valley Air District explain this dysfunctional policy?

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