



AIR QUALITY ADVISORY

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Air quality advisory for smoke in the Bay Area

Smoke impacts expected from vegetation fire in eastern Contra Costa County

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is issuing an air quality advisory for smoke in northeastern Contra Costa County through this afternoon.

Impacts from the vegetation fire are expected in eastern Contra Costa County including Oakley, Brentwood, Knightsen and Discovery Bay.

Onshore winds are expected to blow smoke east into the San Joaquin Valley, but localized impacts near the fire are possible. Currently, impacts include smoky skies, smell of smoke and localized elevated particle pollution. The Air District will be closely monitoring air quality throughout the region for smoke impacts from this vegetation fire.

If the smell of smoke is present, it is important that Bay Area residents protect their health by avoiding exposure. If possible, stay inside with windows and doors closed until smoke levels subside. If Bay Area residents impacted by the smoke are unable to keep windows and doors closed due to heat, it is recommended that they seek relief at a cleaner air cooling location such as a public library, shopping mall or movie theater. It is also recommended that Bay Area residents set air conditioning units and car vent systems to re-circulate to prevent outside air from moving inside.

Smoke can irritate the eyes and airways, causing coughing, a dry scratchy throat and irritated sinuses. Elevated particulate matter in the air can trigger wheezing in those who suffer from asthma, emphysema or COPD. Elderly persons, children and individuals with respiratory illnesses are particularly susceptible to elevated air pollution levels and should take extra precautions to avoid exposure.

Check here for real-time air quality readings: <https://go.usa.gov/xUwyz>.

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