

AIR QUALITY ADVISORY

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Air quality advisory for smoke from Brisbane Recology fire

Smoke from Brisbane fire may cause localized air quality impacts

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is issuing an air quality advisory due to smoke from the Recology fire in Brisbane for Tuesday, November 6.

Today, localized smoke impacts may occur near the Recology facility at 501 Tunnel Ave. in Brisbane. Winds are currently light and variable, causing smoke to accumulate near the facility and in the general vicinity of the fire.

Although fine particulate concentrations may rise and smoke may be visible at times, air quality is expected to remain in the good to low moderate range. The Air District is not forecasting an exceedance of the federal air quality health standard for the region and is not issuing a Spare the Air Alert.

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. 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: <u>https://go.usa.gov/xUwyz</u>.

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