



## **AIR QUALITY ADVISORY**

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### **Air quality advisory for smoke from NuStar fire**

*Potential localized smoke impacts in areas along the Carquinez Strait*

**SAN FRANCISCO** – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is issuing an air quality advisory for smoke east of Rodeo, along the Carquinez Strait.

Smoke from the Nustar fire may potentially impact areas east of Rodeo, along the Carquinez Strait including but not limited to Benicia, Martinez, Bay Point, Pittsburg and areas to the East. This is based on current meteorological conditions which can change depending on the duration of the fire.

#### **Residents should take precautions and follow instructions from local health officials.**

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

If the smell of smoke is present or visible, 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. 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://bit.ly/2p7UFgs>.

The [Bay Area Air Quality Management District](#) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#).

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