



## AIR QUALITY ADVISORY

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### **Air quality advisory for smoke from Mineral Fire extended through Friday**

*Smoky skies expected in Bay Area due to fire in Fresno County*

**SAN FRANCISCO** – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is extending the air quality advisory through Friday due to smoke from the Mineral Fire that started Monday evening in Fresno County.

Smoke from the fire is expected to impact the Bay Area through Friday. At the surface, winds are expected to remain onshore across the Bay Area. Smoke will likely remain aloft resulting in smoky and hazy skies, but **PM<sub>2.5</sub> is not expected to exceed the national 24-hour standard**. The Air District will be closely monitoring air quality throughout the region for smoke impacts from the 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 temperatures allow. It is also recommended that those impacted by smoke set their 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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