AIR QUALITY ADVISORY

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Air District issues air quality advisory for Sunday

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is issuing an air quality advisory for wildfire smoke for tomorrow, Sunday, August 28.

Smoke from the Rum Creek Fire in southwest Oregon is expected to impact the Bay Area tomorrow. Isolated pockets of elevated air pollution levels are possible; however, **pollution levels are not expected to exceed the national 24-hour standard. A Spare the Air Alert is <u>not</u> in effect and air quality is not expected to be unhealthy**. Smoky, hazy skies may be visible and the smell of smoke may be present tomorrow.

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 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: http://baaqmd.gov/highs.

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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