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AIR QUALITY ADVISORY

August 10, 2015

A joint air quality advisory issued by the Colusa County Public Health Division and the Colusa County Air Pollution Control District

Advisory for August 10 – August 11, 2015

The Jerusalem fire in Lake County continues to produce significant smoke impacts, and residents in affected areas should be aware of their local air quality and take necessary precautions to protect themselves.

The fire is being managed by state and local fire officials but smoke impacts are expected to continue until the fire is extinguished.

The Colusa County Air Pollution Control District reports that Air Quality conditions currently are in the good range, however conditions could change rapidly from good to unhealthy, and this may be the pattern for the next few days.

Smoke from fires produce fine-particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), which can cause serious health problems including lung disease, asthma attacks, and increased risk of heart attack or stroke. Where conditions warrant, people should limit their outdoor activity.

People with existing respiratory conditions, young children and elderly people are susceptible to health effects from these pollutants. Air District officials urge residents to follow their doctors' orders when exposed to fire emissions.