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The Nipomo Mesa has regular occurrences of red air days. Those are days when EVERYONE in the plume will experience detrimental health effects. We sometimes have Maroon Air Days. Those are days when everyone will experience SERIOUS detrimental health effects. Serious means serious. It's dangerous! If you are going to be outside on a Maroon air day, you should use an industrial strength respirator.

Of course on those days, we stay inside and filter our indoor air against the dust that seeps in.

However, beyond that, the detrimental health effects of dusty air doesn't fade on non-red air days. The constant threat from dusty moderate yellow air days is like smoking. One day or one cigarette will not kill you, but you breathe that dusty yellow air or smoke regularly, it will take your breathe away, permanently!

Knowing that you should not go outside, because there is moderate dust in the air on a yellow air day, wears on you, emotionally. You want to go outside and play pickle ball or walk your dog, but you know you shouldn't. Some days you resist in the name of common sense, but other days, you say, if I don't walk the dog today, when will I? I have to live some and the dog deserves to be walked, so I do it knowing that I am paying for it with my health. And that depresses on me.

What tears at my heart is listening to my dog wheeze. She has to go outside and has no idea the air is bad for her. She is only eight, with a life expectancy of 12 years. I hope she makes it.

I hope the hearing board has the moral fortitude to act responsibly to protect the public's health. Everyone deserves clean air and water.

The behavior of the officials at the California Department of State Parks speaks for itself.

Ed Harris