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## **Camp Roberts Prescribed Burn Scheduled for Wednesday, May 29**

**SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA**, – The California Army National Guard has tentatively scheduled the annual Fire Hazard Abatement burn at Camp Roberts for Wednesday, May 29. The burn is comprised of approximately 9000 acres of grassland, and is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 7:00 p.m. on a permissive burn day. APCD staff have reviewed the Camp Roberts Smoke Management Plan and provided direction to ensure air quality is preserved in San Luis Obispo County. The burn will be conducted when the meteorological conditions are highly favorable to direct smoke away from potential population centers.

Due to changing winds and weather conditions, it is difficult to predict which areas of the county, if any, may be most affected by smoke from the fire. If you smell smoke, County officials urge that residents use common sense and take precautions to reduce the harmful health effects associated with smoke exposure. When you can see or smell smoke in your surroundings, officials recommend avoiding strenuous outdoor activity and remain indoors as much as possible. These precautions are especially important for children, the elderly and people with respiratory and heart conditions.

County officials will continue to closely monitor air pollution levels throughout our region and provide updated forecasts on the APCD website [slocleanair.org](http://www.slocleanair.org). The forecasted air quality index (AQI) is available on the website [http://www.slocleanair.org/air/AirForecasting\\_map.php](http://www.slocleanair.org/air/AirForecasting_map.php). The AQI focuses on health effects individuals may experience within a few hours or days after breathing polluted air. The forecasted AQI is also available to the public via email. Sign up to receive the daily air quality forecast via email by visiting <http://www.slocleanair.org/air/AirForecasting.php>. A recorded message describing San Luis Obispo County air quality conditions is available by calling 805-781-4390.

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