



Air Pollution Control District  
San Luis Obispo County

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**BETTER BREATHER ALERT**

**PARTICULATE POLLUTION IMPACTING SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**

**Monday, August 20, 2018**

**SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA** – The San Luis Obispo (SLO) County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) and County Public Health Department are advising the public of deteriorating air quality in San Luis Obispo County, due to an increase in particulate pollution. Very sensitive individuals such as infants, as well as children and adults with existing respiratory or heart conditions, may experience adverse health effects from an increase in particulate pollution.

The particulate pollution could be coming from a variety of sources, including urban areas and wildfires. Some of the impacts are coming directly from the Front Fire in Southern San Luis Obispo County. The Front Fire is burning in the Rockfront OHV area of the Los Padres National Forest in the Santa Lucia Ranger District. The fire has consumed 875 acres as of 2pm on Monday, August 20.

County officials recommend that the public reschedule outdoor activities, remain indoors as much as possible, and set any heating/air conditioning/ventilation systems to recirculation. The public is advised to consult their doctor if they are experiencing health problems.

County officials will continue to closely monitor air pollution levels throughout our region, as forecasts can change. Current air quality conditions and air quality forecasts for San Luis Obispo County are available to the public via the APCD website [slocleanair.org/airquality/air-forecasting-map.php](http://slocleanair.org/airquality/air-forecasting-map.php). The forecasted AQI is also available to the public via email. Sign up to receive the daily air quality forecast via email by visiting [slocleanair.org/airquality/forecasting.php](http://slocleanair.org/airquality/forecasting.php). You can also sign up to receive alerts right to your phone with the APCD's AirAware program, SLOCleanAir.org.

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