

## Instruction

### Health Advisory Warning Episodes (Smog Alert)

#### I. Air Pollution Regulation

A revised Regulation VII, setting forth actions to be taken by industry, business, commerce and government and the public, and interpreting air pollution criteria, was adopted on May 6, 1977, amended June 1, 1978 and February 1, 1980 by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. This action impacts upon the East Whittier City School District.

#### II. Air Pollution Predictions

The Clear/Air Act requires that a uniform system be used nationally for reporting air pollution conditions. The South Coast Air Quality Management District correlates air pollution predictions to a Pollutant Standard Index (PSI) to rate each day's anticipated pollutant level on a numerical basis. This rating will be reported to the public in terms of unhealthful (Stage I), very unhealthful (Stage II) and hazardous (Stage III). These reports are to be considered as predictions only (compare with weather report). School administrators are required to take action only when pollution episodes are attained.

#### III. Attained Air Pollution Episodes (Health Advisory Warnings)

Air quality is monitored by the South Coast Air Quality Management District's Air Pollution Control Officer on a continuing basis in the South Coast Air Basin. The Air Pollution Control Officer shall declare an attained air pollution episode when data indicate that air contaminations have reached or exceeded specific criteria.

#### IV. Transmission Of Information To Schools Regarding Air Pollution Episodes and Health Advisory Warnings

- A. The Air Pollution Control Officer shall notify the district switchboard operator via the monitoring radio whenever an episode is attained or terminated.
- B. This information shall be transmitted by the switchboard operator to all affected schools and district office departments via telephone to the school site administrator.
- C. A report of Attained Air Pollution Episode (Health Advisory Warning) updates and cancellations, as it affects the schools, shall be telephoned by the switchboard operator.

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V. Actions To Be Taken By The School Administration During Attained Air Pollution Episodes - Stage I, II, III

A. Stage I - 200 PSI (Soon 130 PSI) Unhealthful

1. Avoid anything that causes hard breathing or mouth breathing - no soccer, volleyball, football, running etc. Go indoors if you can. Schedule easy activities - shoot baskets, but don't play basketball; play catch, swim, but don't swim competitively; play on the swing set. Sensitive people should reduce activity even further.
2. Extra curricular sports, games and practices
  - a. After school games and practices; inside and outside, are cancelled until Stage I episode is terminated.

B. Stage II - 275 PSI - Very Unhealthful

1. All regulations which apply to Stage I also apply to Stage II.
2. Stop all physical activity. Stay indoors. Schedule nonphysical activities: board games, video games, arts and crafts, slow walking.

C. State III - 400 PSI - Hazardous

1. All regulations which apply to Stage II also apply to Stage III.
2. The decision to close schools may be made only upon the authorization of the Superintendent or designee.

VI. List of Schools Under Air Quality Monitoring Areas

A. General Forecast Area - B (Metropolitan)  
Air Monitoring Area - 5 (Southeast LA County)

1. Evergreen
2. Laurel
3. Mulberry
4. Orchard Dale
5. La Colima
6. Hillview Middle
7. Leffingwell
8. Scott
9. Granada Middle
10. Ceres

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VI. List of Schools Under Air Quality Monitoring Areas (continued)

B. General Forecast Area - D (San Gabriel/Pomona Valley)  
Air Monitoring Area - 11 (South San Gabriel Valley)

1. Ocean View
2. East Whittier Middle
3. Administration Building
4. Murphy Ranch
5. Mar Vista