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Clark County Health District Changes Reporting Time for Pollution Standard Index

(Las Vegas, Nev. – April 30, 1999) – For the duration of May 1 – October 1, 1999 the Clark County Health District's (CCHD's) Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) will change its reporting time of the Pollution Standard Index (PSI) from 8:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. This change will be implemented to ensure that timely information for the pollutant ozone is disseminated.

Ozone increases in the summer and can reach unhealthy levels when the weather is hot and sunny with relatively light winds. At the current PSI reporting time, ozone information is being reported 12 to 14 hours after the high ozone period. Ozone information will now be received during the same afternoon that the measurements occur.

The pollutant ozone is a major element of urban smog. Ozone can reduce lung function and cause coughing, throat irritation and breathing discomfort. While children and persons with preexisting lung conditions are sensitive to the health effects of ozone, even healthy adults performing physical exercise or manual labor outdoors can experience the unhealthful aspects of the pollutant.

For more information on the PSI contact APCD's Monitoring section at 383-1276.

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