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Clark County Health District Announces Changes To Ozone Reporting Time and Pollution Standard Index

(Las Vegas, Nev. – September 17, 1999) – The Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) of the Clark County Health District will revert to their standard reporting time of 8:15 a.m. for the Pollution Standard Index (PSI). During the summer months the PSI was reported at 5:15 p.m. in order to ensure that timely information for the pollutant ozone, which reaches high levels during summer afternoons, was disseminated.

Additionally, the EPA has also adopted several new changes to the daily reporting of air quality information to the public. Effective October 4, 1999 the Pollution Standard Index (PSI) will be renamed the Air Quality Index (AQI). Other changes include the addition of the following elements: a new category described as “unhealthy for sensitive groups;” a requirement to report a pollutant-specific sensitive group statement when the index is above 100; the use of specific colors if the index is

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reported in a color format; new breakpoints for the ozone sub-index in terms of 8-hour average concentrations; and conforming changes to the sub-indices for coarse particulate matter (PM-10), carbon monoxide and sulfur dioxide.

For more information on the index contact the Air Pollution Control Division at (702) 383-1276.

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