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Fires Contribute to Unhealthy Air Quality Levels in the Valley

(Las Vegas, Nev. – July 31, 2000) – Out-of-state fires are contributing to a regional haze condition in the Las Vegas Valley, causing local air quality monitors to measure unhealthy levels of particulate matter, according to Michael Naylor, air quality director for the Clark County Health District (CCHD).

The Health District is warning those with respiratory problems and/or cardiovascular disease, asthmatics, the elderly and children to limit their time outdoors until the unhealthy readings subside. High levels of particulate matter affect breathing and respiratory functions because they reach deep into the respiratory tract.

Air quality data is updated hourly and can be accessed at the Health District's website (www.cchd.org/). For additional information contact the Air Quality Division at 383-1276.

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