

AIR QUALITY ADVISORY

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Air District issues Air Quality Advisory for smoke from Schnitzer Steel Fire *Parts of East Bay impacted by smoke with potential impacts as far south as San Jose*

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is issuing an air quality advisory due to smoke from a fire at Schnitzer Steel in West Oakland. Smoke from the fire is expected to impact Oakland, San Leandro, Fremont and Alameda, with potential impacts as far south as San Jose this evening.

Winds are expected to push the smoke south and east tonight. The Air District is monitoring this situation closely.

The Air District is not forecasting an exceedance of the national air quality health standard for the region and is not issuing a Spare the Air Alert.

If the smell of smoke is present, it is important that Bay Area residents protect their health by avoiding exposure. If possible, stay inside with windows and doors closed until smoke levels subside. Set air conditioning units and car vent systems to re-circulate to prevent outside air from moving inside.

Check here for real-time air quality information: <u>https://fire.airnow.gov/</u>.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality and the global climate in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>YouTube</u>.

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