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**LOCAL AIR QUALITY HAS IMPROVED –  
AIR QUALITY HEALTH ADVISORY LIFTED FOR SLO COUNTY**

**SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA, October 25, 2007** – The San Luis Obispo (SLO) County Air Pollution Control District has lifted the Air Quality Health Advisory for SLO County communities. Even though local air quality has improved, with the fires continuing in southern California, residents are advised to monitor conditions and minimize time outdoors and avoid prolonged or heavy exertion if experiencing smoke or ash in the area. These precautions are especially important for people with respiratory and heart conditions.

The air quality conditions have improved from levels earlier in this week, although there is still smoke in the area from the fires burning in southern California and continued re-suspension of ash and soot left over from last weekend's high wind event. Depending on future wind conditions, SLO County communities may still experience high particulate matter (PM) levels that result from distant fire and ash sources.

Air Pollution Control officials still advise everyone to be cautious and use common sense to protect their family's health, especially those with heart or lung disease (including asthma), and take caution when planning or conducting outdoor activities. When you can see or smell the smoke in your surroundings, officials recommend you avoid strenuous outdoor activity and remain indoors as much as possible. Levels of particulates in the smoke may be high enough to affect even healthy adults and children. If a cough, shortness of breath, wheezing, exhaustion, light-headedness or chest pain occurs, outdoor activity should be stopped and the affected person should seek medical attention. The APCD will continue to closely monitor the air quality in San Luis Obispo County and notify residents of any change in status.

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