

ENVIRONMENT/HEALTH/RECYCLING

HEALTH:

No report at this time.

RECYCLING:

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ENVIROMENT:

The American Lung Assoc. has put out the 2011 State of the Air Report. They do this each year. The report says that short term exposure to particulate pollution can kill. Peaks or spikes can last for hours to days. Deaths can occur on days when particle levels are high or within one to two months afterward. (Maybe its cumulative, or its effects are) The data we collected from the Coyote Lakes monitor had two spikes a day, most days. Some of the spikes were up to 600ug/m3. This is way above any health guidelines. The spikes lasted from one to five hours each. Up to now the Air Quality Agencies only look at 24 hour averages. But this article seems to be saying periods much less than 24 hours can be deadly.

The County paraphrases our questions when answering questions presented at hearings. I sent you a copy of the letter I wrote to Doug. Erwin. Permit Mgr. for the County.

Also, the newspapers seem to refer to us as watchdogs or in the case of the supervisors letter to the editor about SB1598, the headline said that his letter had "unearthed " some foes. I wrote to them and said that these references to animals was extremely inappropriate. No answer fom Doug. or the newspapers.

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