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WESTCHESTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE ON CANADIAN WILDFIRES AND AIR QUALITY IN OUR AREA

(White Plains, NY) – The Westchester County Health Department is closely monitoring the situation regarding the anticipated influx Wednesday, June 28 of fine particulate matter resulting from the Canadian wildfires in Quebec. We advise all residents to stay informed and take necessary precautions in response to potential changes in air quality.

If the air quality decreases it is recommended that residents close their windows, operate their air conditioners, reduce strenuous outdoor activities and that all residents, particularly vulnerable individuals such as young children, pregnant women, and those with respiratory conditions or heart disease, limit their time outdoors.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York State Department of Health issue Air Quality Health Advisories when DEC meteorologists predict levels of pollution, either ozone or fine particulate matter, are expected to exceed an Air Quality Index (AQI) value of 100. To remain updated on the air quality index, monitor the [DEC website](#) for air quality index updates.

Exposure can cause short-term health effects, such as irritation to the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, sneezing, runny nose and shortness of breath. Additional information is available on [DEC](#) and on [DOH websites](#).

Stay tuned for further updates and adhere to the recommended precautions to minimize exposure to poor air quality.

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