PRESS RELEASE

The Washington State Department of Ecology has called an air stagnation forecast, effective as of 10:00 a.m., December 16, 1991. This was based on stagnant meteorological conditions. This situation will be updated daily by 11:00 a.m.

Ambient air monitoring data has confirmed a buildup of air contaminants in SW Washington due to the air stagnation at ground level. As a result all open burning is prohibited within the five counties of the SW Air Pollution Control Authority’s jurisdiction (Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Skamania & Wahkiakum Counties).

In addition, due to the elevated ambient levels of contamination, a First Stage Impaired Air Quality Alert has been called. Consequently, burning in all non-certified EPA stoves, as well as fireplaces is prohibited in the following areas:

1) Within Clark County Fire District #5
2) Within Clark County Fire District #6
3) Within the City limits of Vancouver
4) Within the City limits of Camas
5) Within the City limits of Washougal
6) Within the City limits of Kelso
7) Within the City limits of Longview

In other areas of the Agency’s jurisdiction, we would ask for voluntary wood stove and fireplace curtailment in an effort to limit impact.

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