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Breathe California of Sacramento-Emigrant Trails is dedicated to healthy air and preventing lung and other air-pollution related diseases by partnering with youth, advocating public policy, supporting air pollution research, and educating the public.



February 10, 2009

Ron Briggs, Chairman and Members of the Board
El Dorado Air Quality Management District
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

Breathe California of Sacramento Emigrant Trails strongly supports adoption of the proposed Federal Nonattainment 8-Hour Ozone Attainment and Reasonable Further Progress Plan (SIP).

The causal relationship between lung and heart disease and air pollution is clear. In fact BCSET has conducted seven studies specific to our region identifying:

*Effects of air pollution on mortality rates from ischemic heart disease and stroke in the Central Valley.

*Particulate air pollution and rate of hospitalizations.

*Increased hospitalizations and emergency room visits of MediCal youth with asthma during high ozone days.

*Three studies on exposure to ultrafine particulates at a school site directly downwind of a densely trafficked urban corridor.

As we speak we have two new monitoring studies underway along both I5 and I99. The health issues are serious.

The SIP as proposed will ensure that our region will reduce emissions at the required minimum rate of 3% per year and meet the new 8 hour ozone standards by 2018.

Submitted by John Lindow
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at Board Hearing of 2/10/09

The result will be improved public health for all and particularly for the tens of thousands of children who suffer from asthma in Northern California.

Although we have made progress in reducing air pollution we will not attain new health based standards without new controls. The SIP also outlines new strategies including indirect source rules and tree mitigation strategies which we strongly support.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. We look forward to continuing our work in Northern California that is enabling us to make measurable progress in cleaning up our air.