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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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