



NEWS RELEASE

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Air Quality Advisory 20 August 2018

Due to continued wildfire activity throughout Oregon and the Pacific Northwest the current air quality for Pendleton and Milton-Freewater has worsened considerably over the last 24-36 hours and as of 8:00am this morning 20 August, 2018 is rated as **Hazardous**:

Hazardous	Health warnings of emergency conditions. The entire population is more likely to be affected.
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Air quality index reading for Hermiston indicate the current situation is rated as **Very UnHealthy** :

Very Unhealthy	Health alert: everyone may experience more serious health
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The Umatilla County Health Department therefore advises the entire community to take necessary precaution to limit all exposure and to stay indoors in well ventilated areas.

Oregon continues to monitor air quality throughout the state and updated reports can be found at the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality web site:

https://airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=airnow.local_city&mapcenter=0&cityid=727

Umatilla County Health Department will continue to monitor the air quality reports and issues warnings and press releases as indicated by changes in the situation.

Please contact the Department if you have further questions or concerns regarding air quality or any other health matter.

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