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Air Quality Advisory Issued Today for Dust Due to High Winds

Clark County Department of Air Quality (DAQ) has issued a dust advisory for **today, Thursday, Sept. 22**, for elevated levels of blowing dust to high wind speeds occurring in the area. Officials are advising residents and operators of local construction sites of an increase of dust in Clark County for the remainder of today.

At this time, unhealthy-for-sensitive-groups levels of dust (as PM10) are occurring. Clark County Air Quality officials will continue to monitor conditions and will post an update on the forecast page of the DAQ website if necessary. The website also contains data on current and past conditions. A link to the forecast page is: <http://redrock.clarkcountynv.gov/forecast/>.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Under windy conditions, localized or valley-wide areas of blowing dust are likely to occur. Airborne dust is a form of inhalable air pollution called particulate matter, or PM10, which aggravates respiratory diseases such as bronchitis and asthma. It may be best for children, the elderly, and people with respiratory diseases to stay indoors. If you are experiencing breathing difficulties or medical conditions that you think are related to air quality, see your doctor. Detailed air quality conditions are posted in the monitoring section of the DAQ website. You can receive free air quality forecasts and advisories via e-mail or text message through Enviroflash service. Subscription information is available at www.enviroflash.org. Residents are encouraged to call Air Quality's dust-complaint hotline at 385-DUST to report excessive amounts of blowing dust. Officials also recommend the following tips to keep dust down:

- Drive slowly on unpaved roads.
- Don't take short cuts across vacant lots.
- Ride off-road vehicles in approved areas outside the urban Las Vegas Valley.
- Limit outdoor exertion on windy days with dust in the air. Exercise, for example, makes you breathe heavier and increases the amount of particulates you are likely to inhale.
- Keep windows closed. Run your air conditioner inside your house and car to filter out particulates.
- Consider changing your indoor air filters if they are dirty.

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