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Air Quality Alert Issued For Dust Saturday July 30th

Due to a large outflow boundary from a thunderstorm complex in the Phoenix, a large amount of dust has drifted into our area. Clark County Department of Air Quality (DAQ) Officials are advising residents and operators of local construction sites of an increase of dust in Clark County for the remainder of (Day).

At this time, unhealthy levels of dust are occurring in Clark County. Air Quality officials will continue to monitor conditions and will post an update on the forecast page of the DAQ website if unhealthy levels cease. A link to the forecast page is located at <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 PM, 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.
- Fence off barren property or cover it with gravel, rock, or desert-friendly landscaping

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