

## **EPA Air Quality Advisory for Reservations in Western Washington**

(Seattle – Friday, August 17, 2018) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10 has issued an air quality advisory for all reservations in Western Washington due to smoke from large wildfires burning in the Washington Cascades and British Columbia. This advisory is in effect between 10am Sunday, August 19 and 4pm Wednesday, August 22. Some improvement in ventilation is expected late on Wednesday.

This advisory applies to all reservations in Western Washington. EPA encourages that reservation residents reduce all sources of air pollution as much as possible, including open burning, driving and idling of vehicles.

Air pollution can harm your health and can have lasting effects. Community cooperation will help people who are most at risk, including children, the elderly, pregnant women, people with asthma or difficulty breathing, diabetes, heart problems or otherwise compromised health. These sensitive groups should avoid outdoor exercise and minimize exposure to outdoor pollution as much as possible. Under the most severe pollution levels all residents should restrict their activities. If you experience respiratory distress, you should speak with your physician.

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<https://www.epa.gov/farr>

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To check conditions in your area, go to <http://www.airnow.gov/>.

For current burn ban status, please visit <https://waburnbans.net/>, the tribal air quality office, or the EPA at 1-800-424-4372, email to [R10\\_farrhotline@epa.gov](mailto:R10_farrhotline@epa.gov).

Find more information online, go to <https://www.epa.gov/farr>