

RULE 128. EPISODE DECLARATION (Rev. Effective 9/17/91)

Listed below, in order of increasing severity, are episode stages. Specific actions for each episode stage are contained in Rule 130.

(a) **HEALTH ADVISORY.** A Health Advisory shall be declared by the Air Pollution Control Officer when the concentration of pollutants specified in Rule 127 for this episode level is predicted or reached. People in receptor areas, including exercising individuals, those with respiratory or coronary artery disease and the chronically ill, will be notified through the media to take precautions against exposure. Schools will be notified to curtail student participation in strenuous activities.

(b) **STAGE 1.** A Stage 1 Episode shall be declared by the Air Pollution Control Officer when the concentration of pollutants specified in Rule 127 of this stage is predicted or reached. In addition to notifications, Stage 1 administrative and abatement actions shall be undertaken.

(c) **STAGE 2.** A Stage 2 Episode Advisory shall be declared by the Air Pollution Control Officer when the concentration of pollutants specified in Rule 127 for this stage is predicted or reached. Stage 2 administrative and abatement actions shall be undertaken; however, abatement actions needed will vary depending on the duration of the episode, the maximum concentrations expected and the location of pollutant emission source areas.

(d) **STAGE 3.** A Stage 3 Episode shall be declared when the conditions specified in Rule 127 for this stage are predicted or reached. Extensive actions shall be taken to prevent exposure of people to pollutant concentrations of the levels indicated for this stage. Stage 3 administrative and abatement actions shall be undertaken. If further action is necessary, the Chairperson of the Air Pollution Control Board or his designee may, in accordance with guidelines determined by the Emergency Action Committee and after consulting with and receiving approval from the Emergency Action Committee, Office of Emergency Services and the California Air Resources Board, request the Governor to take action in accordance with the California Emergency Services Act.

(e) **AIR POLLUTION DISASTER (State of Emergency)**

When it is determined by medical authorities or local officials that a substantial number of persons are suffering or are likely to suffer incapacitating effects from air pollution, regardless of measured pollutant concentrations, and analysis of meteorological and air quality data by the Air Pollution Control District or the California Air Resources Board indicates that the condition is likely to continue or recur, the Chairperson of the Air Resources Board shall confer with the Director of the California Office of Emergency Services, and they shall jointly recommend to the Governor that an air pollution disaster (State of Emergency) be declared.