

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Changing Weather Conditions Contribute to Air Quality**

At 7:00 am today, air quality is good, according to the Washington State Department of Ecology air quality monitoring site in Ellensburg. The range of air quality categories include good, moderate, unhealthy for sensitive groups, unhealthy, very unhealthy, and hazardous.

Changing weather conditions and fire activity contribute to changing air quality. Current air quality monitoring can be seen on the Washington State Department of Ecology air monitoring site: <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/enviwa/>.

Air quality closer to the active burn site may be poorer air quality than what the monitor in Ellensburg reflects. Information about using visibility to estimate air quality is available at <http://www.deq.state.or.us/aq/burning/wildfires/visibility.htm>.

The Kittitas County Public Health Department (KCPHD) will continue to provide information regarding air quality status. For more information or questions about air quality please contact the Kittitas County Public Health Department at (509) 962-7515.

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