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Environment and Health Departments Announce Smoke Advisory Still in Effect; Smoke Trajectories Available Online

(Santa Fe, NM) — The New Mexico Department of Health and New Mexico Environment Department today announced that the smoke advisory issued on May 24 is still in effect and applies to all areas of New Mexico affected by smoke from wildfires throughout the region.

NMED and NMDOH would like to remind the public that several online resources are available with information on smoke plumes and smoke trajectories.

- The New Mexico Environmental Health Public Tracking website provides Wildfire Smoke Forecast Maps: https://nmtracking.unm.edu/eh_alerts/noaa_wildfiresmoke/
- The New Mexico Environmental Health Public Tracking website also provides Real Time Air Quality measurements: https://nmtracking.unm.edu/eh_alerts/airnow-aqi/
- The New Mexico Environment Department offers direct links to Air Quality Monitoring Stations across the state: <http://air.nmenv.state.nm.us/> (Click under “Monitoring Stations” and select a location in New Mexico that provides Real Time Data)
- The U.S. Forest Service website that has some air monitor locations with satellite uplinks to date: <http://www.satguard.com/usfs/fleet.aspx>.
- The Southwest Area Wildland Fire Smoke Impact Awareness Page provides a comprehensive look at smoke in the Southwest United States. Included are satellite loops, maps, and forecast smoke trajectories: <http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/predictive/weather/smoke/smoke-briefing.html>
- The Southwest Coordination Center offers a regular smoke outlook bulletin. This bulletin provides important smoke updates: http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/predictive/outlooks/smoke/swcc_smoke_outlook.pdf

For general information about the health effects related to smoke from wildfires, go online to https://nmtracking.unm.edu/eh_alerts/. For health-related questions about smoke from the wildfires people can call the Department of Health’s statewide hotline (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) at 1-877-304-4161.

For more links related to smoke monitoring, go online to <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/aqb/WildfireSmokeLinks.htm>.

Additional updates about fires in New Mexico can be found at <http://nmfireinfo.wordpress.com>.

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