



## CLIMATE AND LUNG HEALTH NEWS

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### Help Us Protect Critical Mercury and Air Toxics Rules!

We need your help! Please join thousands of health professionals opposing any attempt to weaken the lifesaving Mercury and Air Toxics Standards for Power Plants. Sign and share our [health professionals' letter with your colleagues and networks](#). Not a health professional? [Please sign this e-alert](#). **Our deadline is April 16.**

Mercury can cause permanent damage to the brains of babies. America's babies are healthier, and our air is cleaner, thanks to successful limits on mercury and other pollution through this critical safeguard, which EPA is now taking steps to undermine. Learn more on our [Each Breath blog](#).

### RESOURCES

- [Healthy Air](#)
- [LUNG FORCE Expos](#)
- [Take a Course](#)
- [Patient Support](#)
- [Lung HelpLine](#)
- [Tobacco QuitLine](#)

### QUESTIONS?

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### DID YOU KNOW?



## Where Does Air Pollution Come From?

For the Year of Air Pollution & Health's March theme of "Where Does Air Pollution Come From?" we highlight stories of effective pollution reductions from three major air pollution sources: power plants, the transportation sector, and hospitals and health care systems. We also highlight ways you can help support continued progress. Learn more about the [importance of strong limits on hazardous air pollution from power plants](#), and later this month, about California's role in reducing transportation emissions and steps hospitals have taken to limit the pollution from their facilities. Visit [our Each Breath blog](#) to read our March posts.

## UCSF Fresno Air Pollution and Climate Change Symposium – April 6

The UCSF Fresno Department of Internal Medicine will present the fourth annual Air Pollution and Climate Change Symposium on Saturday, April 6 from 7 AM to 2 PM at the UCSF Fresno Center for Medical Education and Research at 155 N. Fresno Street in downtown Fresno. The focus of conference will be on the effects of air pollution on health, causes of increased wildfires in California, the role of agriculture in nitrogen oxide production and impediments to air quality improvement. Participants will learn how to educate patients on the effects of air pollution on their health and existing health conditions, how to receive real-time air quality alerts, and how to adjust medications and physical activity during peak air pollution periods among other topics. The cost is \$50 for physicians, free to others.

- If you are a physician, [register here](#).
- Non-physicians, [register here](#).

Ozone (smog) and particle pollution (soot) are the most widespread pollutants in the air we breathe—and among the most dangerous. On Wednesday, April 24, the American Lung Association will release its 20<sup>th</sup> annual *State of the Air* report providing county grades and city rankings on air pollution levels across the country.

What is the state of your air? Mark your calendars for April 24 to find out.





## IN THE NEWS

### Lung Association Joins Amicus Brief in Case To Force Federal Response to Climate Change

On March 1, the American Lung Association joined several other health and medical organizations in an [amicus brief](#) supporting the petitioners on the lawsuit Juliana v United States. In the Juliana case, several children and teens have filed suit in the U.S. District Court of Oregon claiming the federal government's policy is causing climate change and will deny plaintiffs their constitutional right to life, liberty and property due to current and future anticipated adverse effects of climate change. The amicus brief summarizes the known current adverse health effects of climate change.



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