



CLIMATE AND LUNG HEALTH NEWS

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The more you learn about the air you breathe, the more empowered you are to protect your health and the health of your patients. On Wednesday, April 24, the American Lung Association will release its 20th annual "State of the Air" report providing county grades and city rankings on air pollution levels across the country. Check back on April 24 at www.stateoftheair.org to find out your grades and how you can help us improve air quality.

California's Landmark Vehicle Pollution Policies Benefitting All Americans



Transportation is the leading source of climate pollution

across the United States. In our [Each Breath](#) blog, Will Barrett, Advocacy Director for the American Lung Association in California, shares how California's landmark motor vehicle pollution policies have benefitted Californians and all Americans with cleaner air, reduced oil consumption and less climate-forcing pollution, and why we're calling on the Trump Administration to prioritize the health of Americans and implement current cleaner cars standards, not weaken them.

Utah health system a national model for protecting patients from air pollution



We worked with our Year of Air Pollution & Health partner Health Care Without Harm to bring you this guest blog from Intermountain Healthcare to show how the healthcare industry can reduce its contribution to air pollution to improve health in the communities they service. [Read blog here.](#)



TAKE ACTION

Final Call to Protect Mercury and Air Toxics Rule

The EPA is trying to undermine lifesaving limits on mercury and air toxics from power plants. Thanks to all who signed our health professionals letter supporting the standards. We're submitting it to EPA today.

There's still one final opportunity to take action: please

send a comment to EPA telling them not to undermine the standards, which have saved up to 11,000 lives and helped to prevent 130,000 asthma attacks each year. [Send your message here — the deadline is today.](#)

Storytellers Wanted

Have you been impacted personally by air pollution? Do you have patients who struggle when air quality is poor and would be willing to share their story? Showcasing real stories from individuals who have been harmed by air pollution can help build awareness and inspire people everywhere to take action. Please visit the [“Share Your Story”](#) page on our website.

Lung Association Clean Air Advocacy

The American Lung Association is fighting to support strong clean air and climate policies across the country. Below are five of our recent letters on important healthy air actions:

- American Lung Association [Comments](#) on the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee’s draft review of the EPA’s Integrated Science Assessment for Particulate Matter
- [Letter](#) from health and medical organizations calling for increased funding for CDC’s Climate and Health Program
- [Letter](#) from the Lung Association and 10 other national health and medical organizations urging Congress to support H.R. 9, the Climate Action Now Act. We expect it to get to a floor vote the week of April 29.
- California health group [letter](#) supporting “Smog Check for Trucks” (SB 210)
- California health group [letter](#) supporting a “State Mobility Action Plan for Healthier Communities” (SB526)



IN THE NEWS

Climate Change Will Increase Wildfire Smoke and Harm Children in Montana

Climate change caused by the burning of fossil fuels is especially unhealthy for young children in Montana and will only get worse by mid-century, said a panel of doctors and scientists who spoke at seminar focused on climate change and human health in Missoula last month. The conference was organized by the American Lung Association, the Montana Institute of Ecosystems and the University of Montana School of Public Health and Community Sciences in Missoula. [Read more in the Montana Missoulian.](#)

RESOURCES

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Emergencies and natural disasters pose special air quality challenges for those living with lung disease. The American Lung Association has resources to help you



respond to unexpected events that can threaten the air quality in your community and your home. [Learn more on our Emergencies & Natural Disasters webpage.](#)

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