



## **Endorsements of the Year-round Air Quality Index for Particle Pollution**

Particle pollution poses significant public health risks, especially for people with heart or lung disease, older adults, and children. The following groups encourage people to plan outdoor activities using Air Quality Index (AQI) forecasts. Everyone, especially those most at-risk from particle pollution, can use the AQI as a tool to protect their health.

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Statement of Vice Admiral Richard H. Carmona, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.S.  
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"As Surgeon General, I understand how important it is to share accurate and up-to-date information with you - especially when it comes to your health. That's why I recommend that you check your local expanded Air Quality Index forecast every day. It's an effective way to protect yourself from air pollution."