

# ENVIROFLASH FACT SHEET

## What is EnviroFlash?

EnviroFlash is a system that sends e-mails about your daily air quality forecast. The message is the same air quality information that the local radio or television stations provide, plus suggested safety measures when levels are unhealthy. This service is provided by your state or local environmental agency and the US Environmental Protection Agency.

## Why is EnviroFlash important?

Exposure to high levels of air pollution can aggravate heart disease, asthma and other respiratory diseases. By being aware of the air quality levels, you can take precautions to protect your family.

## How does EnviroFlash work?

Air quality monitors located all over the United States take in information that is used to calculate the current Air Quality Index value. State and local environmental agencies then issue air quality forecasts based on measured air quality and weather information. The forecast is then provided to local radio and television stations, posted online and sent out through EnviroFlash.

## For additional information or to sign up, visit:

[www.enviroflash.info](http://www.enviroflash.info)

## What is the Air Quality Index?

<b>Good 0-50</b>	Air quality is considered satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk.
<b>Moderate 51-100</b>	Air quality is acceptable; however, for some pollutants there may be a moderate health concern for a very small number of people who are unusually sensitive to air pollution.
<b>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups 101-150</b>	Members of sensitive groups* may experience health effects. The general public is not likely to be affected.
<b>Unhealthy 151-200</b>	Everyone may begin to experience health effects; members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects.
<b>Very Unhealthy 201-300</b>	Health alert: everyone may experience more serious health effects.
<b>Hazardous 301-500</b>	Health warnings of emergency conditions. The entire population is more than likely to be affected.

\* Sensitive groups include active adults, people with heart or lung disease (including asthma), older adults and children.