Wood Smoke Control Technology Forum and Roundtable Discussion

August 15, 2007 -- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. South Coast AQMD Headquarters Auditorium 21865 Copley Drive Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Emissions from the residential burning of wood, whether for aesthetic purposes or heating, contribute to southern California's air pollution problem. This area exceeds state and federal health standards for airborne particulate matter (both PM10 and PM2.5), which contribute to an increase in mortality rates, respiratory infections, asthma attacks and hospital admissions. Wood burning can also produce carbon monoxide and toxic air contaminants.

The AQMD is hosting this one-day forum at which panels of experts will discuss wood smoke emissions, control technologies for wood-burning appliances, and the experience of several air pollution control agencies that have implemented programs to reduce wood smoke emissions. The panel sessions will be conducted in the morning, and there will be a roundtable discussion followed by a public question and answer period in the afternoon.

The AQMD encourages anyone interested in this topic to attend this forum free of charge (lunch will be on your own). The forum will also be webcast live, and copies of the agenda, presentations and the webcast will be posted on the AQMD's Technology Forum/Roundtable website at:

http://www.aqmd.gov/tao/ConferencesWorkshops/techforum.htm.

If you have any questions about this forum, contact Larry Kolczak at (909) 396-3215.