

## **Pinellas: Air Pollution Precautionary Advisory**

The Pinellas County Air Quality Section of Public Works is issuing an Air Pollution Precautionary Advisory due to potentially elevated levels of the pollutant **Particulate Matter of 2.5 micrometers or less (PM2.5)**. This advisory is effective **Wednesday, 7/10/24**. We expect to experience high Moderate levels of PM2.5 with Air Quality Index (AQI) values from **51 – 100**. There is a possibility of increased PM2.5 levels reaching the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups category with AQI values from **101 – 150** according to some current data models. People sensitive to PM2.5 or with lung disease such as asthma, older adults, children and teenagers, and people who are active outdoors should consider reducing prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion. **This alert remains in effect through Friday.**

These elevated readings affecting our region are due to the presence of dusty air from the Sahara Desert that has traveled across the Atlantic Ocean to this area as part of a natural occurrence. If the forecast changes, this advisory may be lifted.

If you have any questions or need further information, please call: the Public Works, Pinellas County Air Quality Section at **(727) 464-4422**. For current air quality information, visit [www.airnow.gov](http://www.airnow.gov) or [www.dep.state.fl.us/Air/air\\_quality/county/pinellas.htm](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/Air/air_quality/county/pinellas.htm).