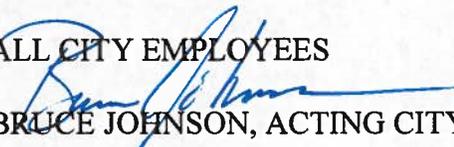


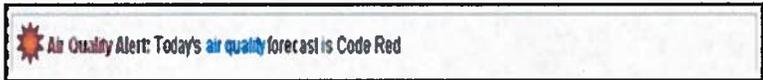
City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 20, 2011
TO: ALL CITY EMPLOYEES
FROM:  BRUCE JOHNSON, ACTING CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: AIR QUALITY ACTION DAYS PROGRAM

The City of Alexandria has begun its annual “Air Quality Action Days” program to increase awareness among City employees and the public about the dangers of ground-level ozone (i.e., smog) and fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}).

“Air Quality Action Days” is a workplace-based outreach program. May through September, Air Quality is forecasted for the following day on a region wide basis and is coded as **purple, red, orange, yellow or green**, purple and red being the unhealthiest. Weather characteristics of Air Quality Action Days include sunny skies, temperatures in the mid 80’s or above, stagnant air with little or no wind and little chance of rain. Forecasted purple and red days will be shown in a display located in the Market Square Lobby of City Hall. An “air quality alert box”, as shown here, will appear at the top of AlexNet home page and the City’s public homepage by 4pm the day before an “Air Quality Action Day”. Staff is encouraged to take voluntary actions such as using mass transit, postpone mowing your lawn, or refueling your car after dusk, etc. to reduce air pollution on Air Quality Action Days.



For more information on the City’s Air Quality Action Days program or air quality, contact Erica Bannerman with T&ES, Office of Environmental Quality, at 703-746-4065 or visit <http://alexandriava.gov/oeq>.

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