VENTURA COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

RULE 154 - STAGE 1 EPISODE ACTIONS
(Adopted 9/17/91)

The Air Pollution Control Officer shall declare a Stage 1 Episode whenever the Stage 1 Episode criteria specified in Rule 151 are attained or predicted. Upon declaration of a Stage 1 Episode, the Air Pollution Control Officer shall:

A.   Announce the occurrence or prediction of a Stage 1 Episode using the procedures established pursuant to Rule 152. The announcement shall include:

1.   Health warnings appropriate for a Stage 1 Episode in accordance with the California Air Pollution Emergency Plan.

2.   The specific ozone level predicted or reached.

3.   The predicted duration of the episode including the predicted time of episode termination. If the ozone concentration persists or is predicted to persist at episode levels past the originally predicted termination time, the Air Pollution Control Officer shall re-declare the episode using the procedures in Rule 152.

4.   The receptor areas currently affected or predicted to be affected.

5.   A request for all persons engaged in activities which contribute to air pollution to voluntarily postpone such activities until after the episode is terminated. Such postponed activities shall include but are not limited to:

1)   Unnecessary use and fueling of motor vehicles.

2)   The application of pesticides and herbicides.

3)   Painting, surface coating and surface cleaning with solvents, which are not equipped with air pollution controls.

4)   The use of utility engines such as leaf blowers and lawn mowers.

B.   In the case of a predicted Stage 1 Episode, The Air Pollution Control Officer shall:

a.   Direct owners or operators of emission sources subject to Rule 158, who have source abatement plans on file with the District, to implement the Stage 1 Episode emissions abatement measures contained in those plans.

b.   Direct employers subject to Rule 159 to implement the Stage 1 Episode traffic abatement procedures specified in Rule 159.