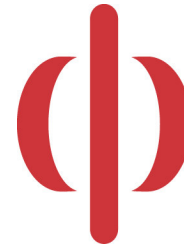


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Unhealthy Air Pollution Levels Predicted Today *Interview Opportunity*

WHAT: Illinois EPA has reported ORANGE air pollution levels today for multiple locations in the Chicago region and surrounding areas. ORANGE air quality levels are deemed “unhealthy for sensitive groups” including children, the elderly, and people with lung diseases. Chicago, Lake County, and the North and West suburbs are expected to record ORANGE air quality levels today. The Illinois EPA has also declared Saturday an Air Pollution Action Day due to continuing unhealthy air quality.

WHY: Hot, sunny, calm weather leads to the formation of unhealthy levels of ozone (smog) pollution in the greater Chicago area. The entire Chicago area fails to meet federal health standards for ozone set in 1997. The standard was further tightened in 2008.

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WHEN: Friday, August 14, 2009

WHERE: Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago, 1440 West Washington Blvd., Chicago

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