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Air Quality standards comment

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I grew up in Southern California during the 60's and 70's, and experienced first-hand the visual smog problems, as well as knew about the unseen particulate matter that was even more deadly.

Then I moved to Utah in 1984 and saw that same "movie": the growing smog problem all over again, beginning with a brown haze at the north end of the Salt Lake Valley in the early years, and now, unhealthy air that settles into the entire area for days on end.

Not Good!

To their credit, the Southern California Air Resources Board developed a multi-year strategy for attacking SoCal's serious problem; Utah needs to do the same. I am all for it. Whatever it takes. We all breathe the same air; it is a health and economic issue.

Press on with tough standards. Do it now. I take public transit whenever I can, and work to reduce my environmental footprint. I want to do more.

FYI: I only wish DAQ and other sponsors had better funded the recent gas-driven snowblower trade-in lottery, as I was ready and willing to ditch my old Toro smog-belching, smoking machine. I still would like to buy an electric version, but the \$69 trade-in possibility was a strong attraction.

Regards,

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