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Topic: Air Pollution

Air pollution decreases air quality, which is impacted by and affects climate change. This month features a video on air quality and community health, a learning activity that has students study smog in a city, and a news article about the effects of COVID-19 lockdowns on air pollution.

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Video: Air Quality and Community Health

This short video discusses ways that communities can prepare for air quality changes that will occur due to rising global temperatures.

Video length: 0:48 min

Audience: Middle School, High School, Informal, General Public

Browse CLEAN for more resources on Community Health.

This short video uses information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to describe how increasing

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risk populations and steps communities can take to prepare.

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Learning Activity: Near-Ground Level Ozone Pollution

This lab exercise, written by Omowumi Alabi, is designed to provide a basic understanding of a real-world scientific investigation. Learners are introduced to the concept of tropospheric ozone as an air pollutant due to human activities and burning of fossil fuels. It can be done remotely.

Audience: High School, Lower College

Take a look at some more CLEAN resources focused on Air Pollution.

This activity addresses tropospheric ozone and describes how it is produced through a chemical reaction of pollutants with sunlight. It draws the distinction between human-induced tropospheric ozone and natural stratospheric ozone. Students synthesize the exercise by developing a scientific report that includes an abstract, introduction, methods, results, discussion and references.



In the News: COVID-19 and Air Pollution

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