



# EL PASO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

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## Air Quality Frequently Asked Questions

Due to budget cuts and unstable funding, the Health Department has eliminated its Air Quality Program in 2009. The following Q&A has been developed to assist the public with concerns related to air quality and provide helpful resources and referrals.

**Q. Are El Paso County Air Quality permits still required?**

**A.** Permits are no longer being issued or required by the El Paso County Department of Health and Environment for any Air Quality-related work (e.g., construction, demolition, sandblasting, open burning) conducted within County limits. However, State requirements may still apply.

For plan reviews with potential air quality issues or for questions regarding air quality permits or air pollution emission notices, please contact:

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment  
Air Pollution Control Division, Permitting Section  
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South  
Denver, CO 80246  
**Phone: (303)-692-3100 or (303)-692-3168**

**Web Site:** [www.cdphe.state.co.us/ap/airpermits.html](http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/ap/airpermits.html)

**Q: Will the Health Department respond to Air Quality complaints (dust, odor, open burning, etc.)?**

**A:** No, the Health Department will no longer be responding to such complaints. Contact the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) at (303)-692-3100 or (303) 692-3247 to file a complaint.

**Q: Will the Health Department notify the community about Air Quality alerts?**

**A:** No, the Health Department will not issue alerts. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment will facilitate these notifications when necessary.

**Q: Where can I find daily Air Quality reports?**

**A:** Air quality reports are posted online at [www.colorado.gov/airquality/air\\_quality.aspx](http://www.colorado.gov/airquality/air_quality.aspx)

**Q: Whom can I contact for Colorado Springs data related to Air Quality?**

**A:** Contact the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment APCD at (303)-692-3100 or (303) 692-3235, or the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments at (719) 471-7080.

**Q: Whom can I speak to about current Air Quality inspections?**

**A:** Contact the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment APCD Representative Beth Pilson at (303) 692-3247 or Harry Collier at (303) 692-3154 for detailed information.

**Q: Whom can I contact regarding air conditioning issues?**

**A:** Contact Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment APCD Inspector Tom Dodd at (303) 692-3203.