



Director’s Report for February 2024

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February 2024 AQI CHARTS AND STATS:

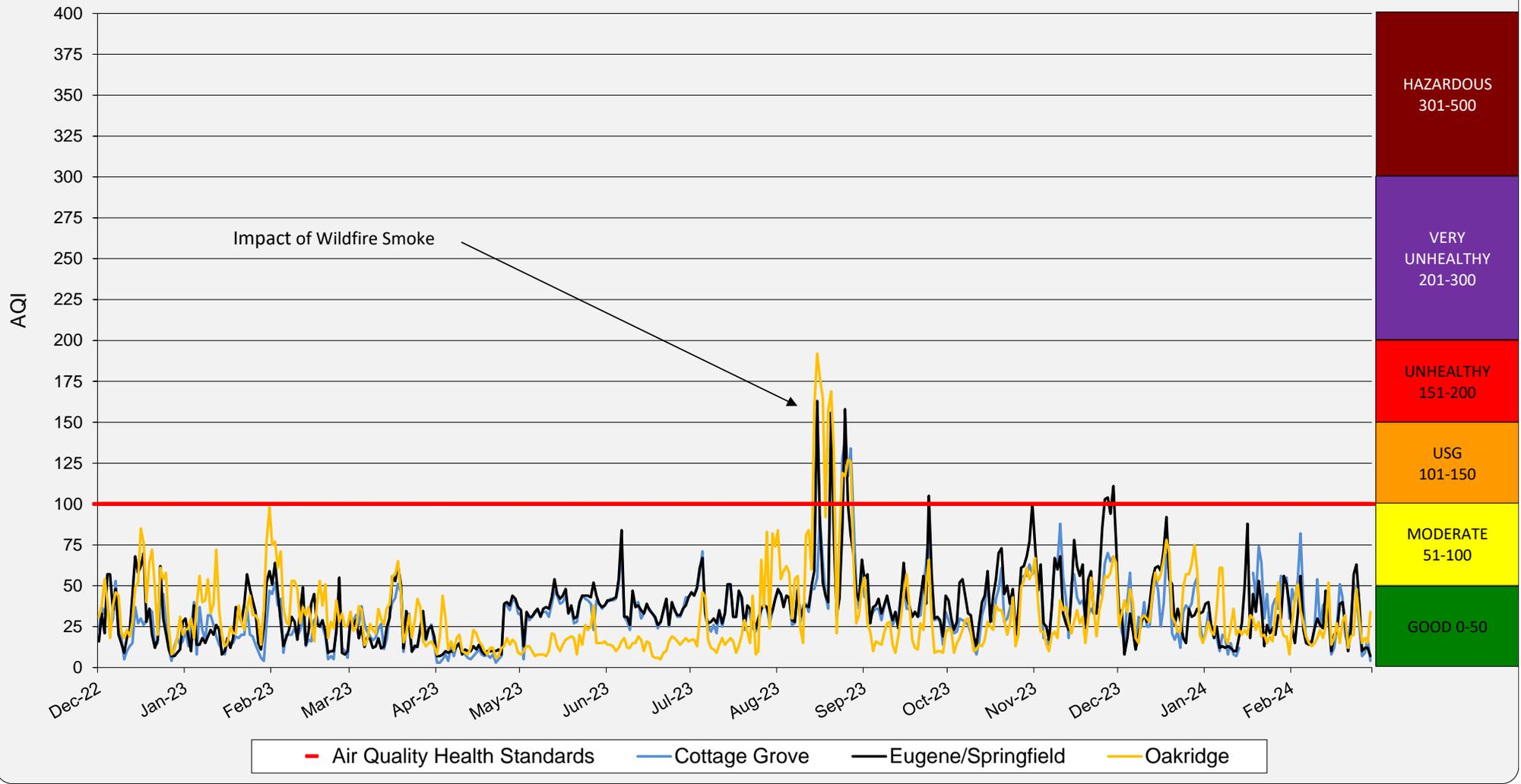
Site	Date	Max AQI	Pollutant
Eug/Spfld	24-Feb-24	63	PM
Oak	14-Feb-24	52	PM
CottGrv	4-Feb-24	82	PM

AQI	Eug/Spfld	Oak	CottGrv	AQI Range	PM2.5 Range, ug/m3
Good	26	27	24	0-50	0-12
Moderate	3	2	5	51-100	12.1-35.4
USG	0	0	0	101-150	35.5-55.4
Unhealthy	0	0	0	151-200	55.5-150.4
Very Unhealthy	0	0	0	201-300	150.5-250.4
Hazardous	0	0	0	301-500	250.5-500

Attachment No. 1: Air Quality Index (AQI) charts for Lane County (February 2024)
Attachment No. 2: PM2.5 index charts for Lane County (February 2024)

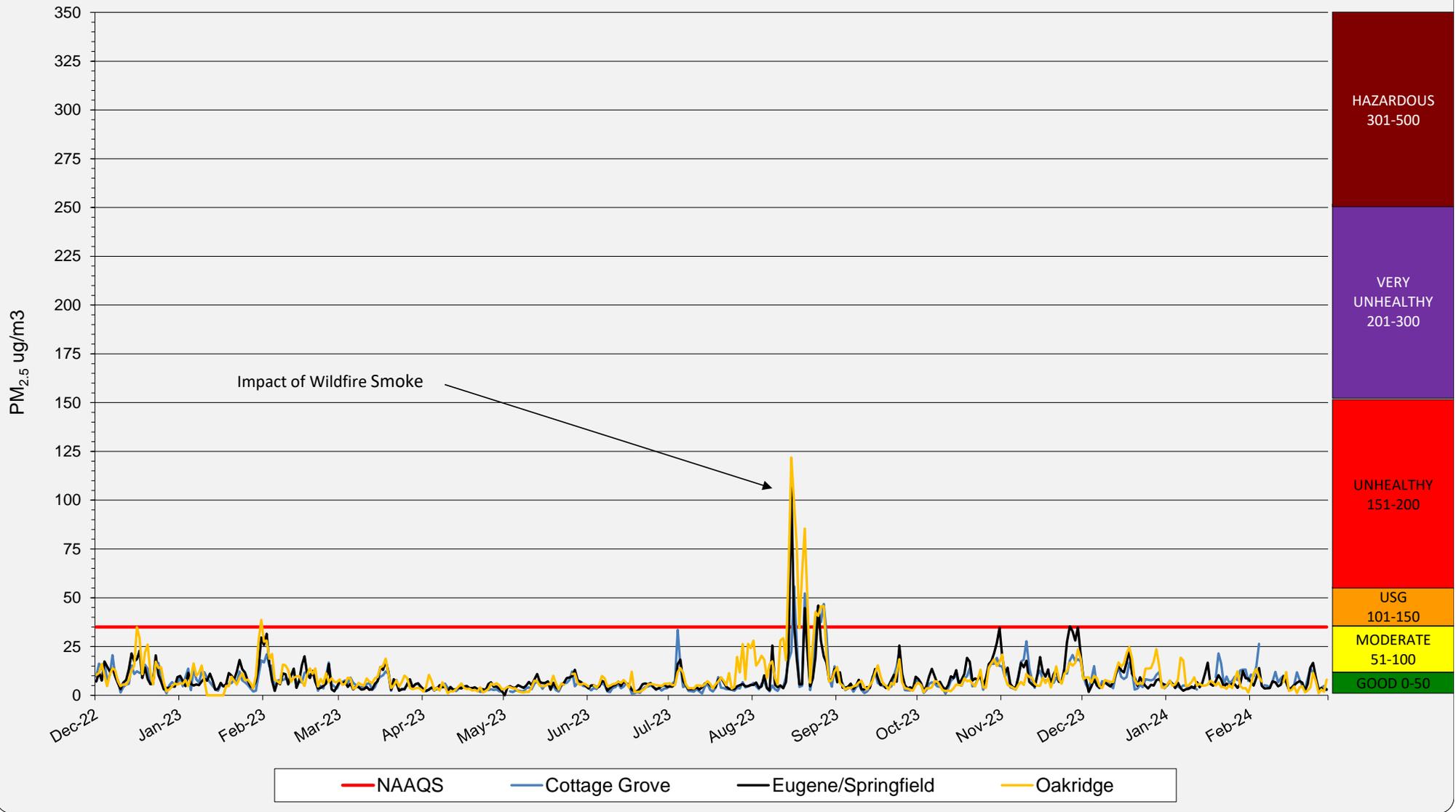
Daily Air Quality Index Chart

This 15-month chart demonstrates the seasonality of the pollutants.

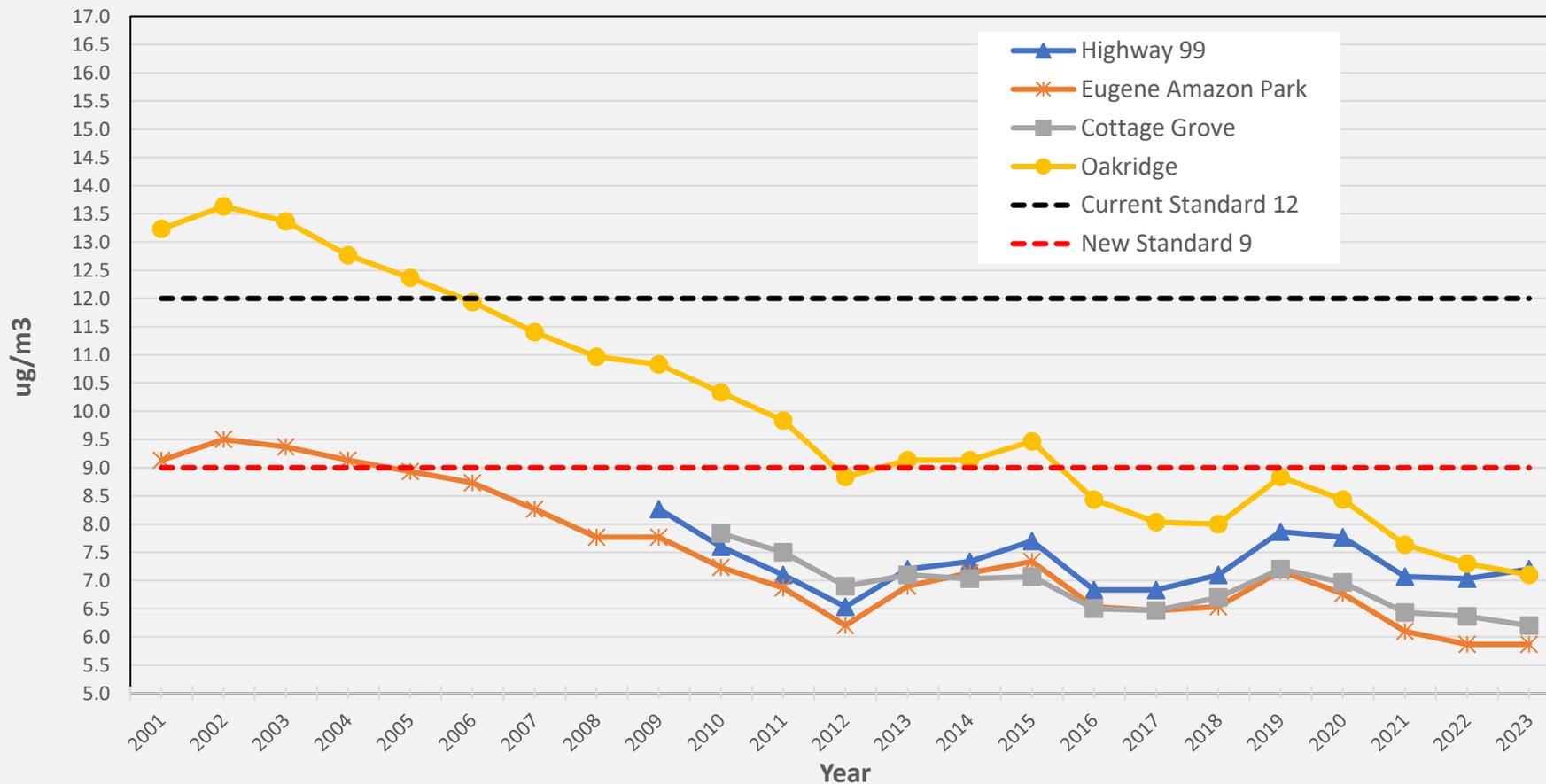


Daily PM2.5 Levels

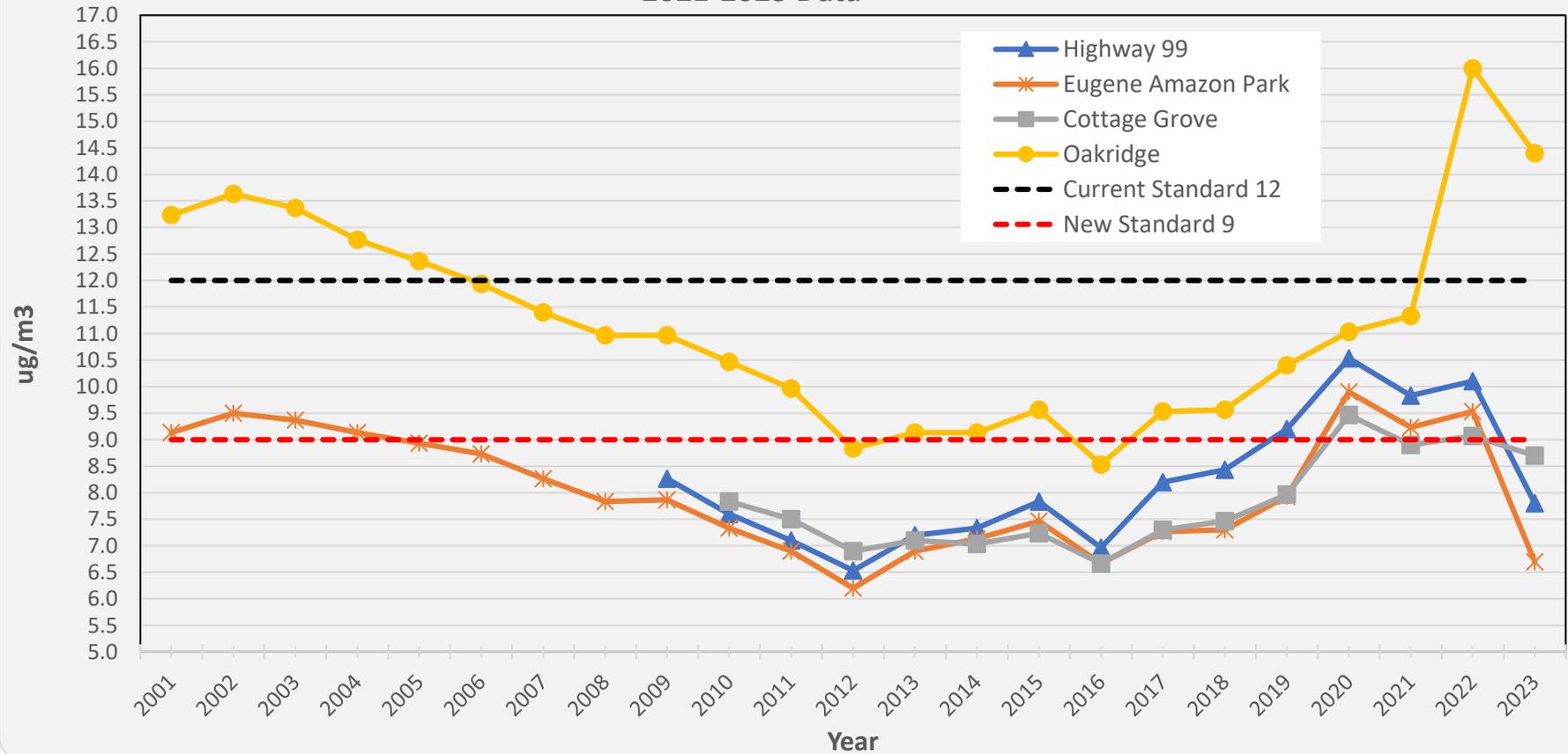
Daily Sampling, NAAQS Exceedance is Triggered on the 8th High



PM2.5 - Annual 3-Year Average (excludes wildfire data) 2021-2023 Data



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2021-2023 Data**



COMPLAINTS RECEIVED: 2/1/2024 thru 2/29/2024:

Smoke complaints: 24
19 - Outdoor Burning
5 - Home Wood Heating
Industry: 8
4 - International Paper (4 under investigation)
3 - Swanson Group
1 - Unknown
Miscellaneous: 9
9 - Unknown
Total: 41

The calendar year 2024 compares to previous years:

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	*2024
Dust	15	17	26	12	7	0
Ag Burning / Spraying	6	2	7	2	3	0
General Air Quality	12	4	8	1	25	0
Home Wood Heating	128	74	57	67	52	14
Industry	170	100	336	198	97	13
Outdoor Burning	402	423	243	292	254	35
Slash Burning	16	12	10	6	12	0
Miscellaneous	67	59	40	102	72	1
Unknown	39	74	71	45	65	13
Total	855	765	798	725	587	76

* Year-To-Date

NEW/OPEN ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS STATUS REPORT
2/1/2024 to 2/29/2024

NEW: 2/01/2024 -- 2/29/2024: None.

Calendar year 2024 compared to previous years:

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	*2024
Notices of Non-compliance and Warnings	55	15	21	24	19	0
Notices of Violation with Civil Penalties	37	26	17	24	15	0

* Year-To-Date.

ENFORCEMENT: 2/01/2024 to 2/29/2024

Category of Violation	New	Follow-Up Action	Pending	Closed	Total
Asbestos	-	-	4	-	4
Industrial	-	-	3	-	3
Outdoor Burning	-	-	2	-	2
Fugitive Dust	-	-	-	-	-
Home Wood Heating	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	-	9	-	9

The complete enforcement report document is published on LRAPA’s Publication Reports and Factsheets [webpage](#).

OUTDOOR BURNING LETTER PERMITS: 2/01/2024 TO 2/29/2024

There were two Outdoor Burning Letter Permit (OBLP) issued in February 2024.

1. Issued Special Letter Permit 20B24-01-01 on February 15 to Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council, 28 S 6th Street in Cottage Grove, to burn 80 cubic yards of miscellaneous woody yard type debris located at Tax Lot#: 1903230000602, Creswell, Oregon.
2. Issued Special Letter Permit 20B24-02-01 on February 21 to David Clark c/o Gary Rose, PO Box 213, Westlake, Oregon to burn 150 cubic yards of land clearing debris located at Tax Lot #1912342404000, Westlake, Oregon.

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ABATEMENT: 2/01/2024 to 2/29/2024

During February, LRAPA received 40 notices of asbestos removal projects, one of which was a school (Fern Ridge Middle School, Elmira).

For perspective, here is how the total number of asbestos abatement notices filed, how many were schools and the number of notices inspected for calendar year 2024 compares to previous years:

Calendar year 2024 compares to previous years:

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	*2024
Total Asbestos Abatement Notices	488	439	408	465	466	75
School Asbestos Abatement Notices (NESHAP)	16	25	20	16	17	1
Number of Asbestos Abatements Inspected	94	93	104	115	91	9

* Year-To-Date.

PERMITTING (TITLE V AND ACDP):

- Currently 14 sources, Title V permits
- Currently approximately 275 sources, air Contaminant Discharge Permits (ACDPs)

Permit activities:

Category of Permit Activity	Title V	ACDP	Registration	Total Active
New	2	5		7
Renewals	2	16		18
Modifications		6		6
Constructions				
Registrations				
Terminated Permits				
Total Issued Permits Year-to-date	3	11		14

Permits placed on public notice:

Source Name	Reason for Public Notice	Type of Permit
None	None	None

Permit backlog:

Permit Type	Total Number of Permits by Type	Number of Permits Extended Administratively	Percentage of Total (%)
Title V	14	0	0%
Standard	26	3	12%
Simple	28	4	14%
Total	68	7	9%*

*Average percentage total

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MONTHLY SUMMARY

- LRAPA has been engaged with local partners across Lane County in several regional collaborative groups and committees. March meetings or engagements included participation with the Lane Regional Climate Collaborative, Oakridge Area Fire Safe Council, Rivers to Ridges ecological burning workgroup, Lane County Healthy Housing Collaborative, Pollution Prevention Coalition, Community Wildfire Protection Plan/National Hazard Mitigation Plan workgroup, and the Biomass Utilization Work Group.
- LRAPA continues to engage collaboratively with residents, regulatory bodies, and government entities on soil remediation activities concerning J.H. Baxter, a closed wood preservation business in West Eugene.
- LRAPA committed to the Active Bethel Neighborhood Association to participate by hosting a booth at the association’s “We Are Bethel Celebration” at Petersen Barn on June 8 from 12 pm to 4 pm.
- LRAPA committed to South Willamette Solutions to participate in the Wildfire Safety Night in July. The exact date has yet to be determined, but LRAPA plans to participate in this public outreach event in Oakridge.

MEDIA INTEREST AND OUTREACH

Media	DATE	MEDIA	REPORTER	TOPIC
Contacts	2/9/2024	KEZI	Robert Desaulniers	Springfield Burning Variance
	2/25/2024	KEZI	Noah Chavez	Springfield Burning Variance
Press Releases	2-16-2024	LRAPA Board Approves Variance of Outdoor Burning rules for Springfield residents.		

AGENCY GOALS AND UPDATES:

- The new Finance Manager, Christina Ward, begins at LRAPA on March 18, 2024. Christina has a strong background in grant management and a communication style and approach that will fit well within the collaborative culture LRAPA fosters.

Goal: Update LRAPA Internal Policies and Procedures

- The all-staff meeting in March focused on internal policies and procedures. A collaborative exercise was initiated to solicit feedback from staff on needs and priorities. The next step will be to determine the timeline for completion of each policy and procedure and determine the top three policies and procedures.
- We are actively reviewing LRAPA's LINFO database to enhance its functionality for operation workflows for reporting and tracking. Our goal is to collaborate with LCOG to assess the budget necessary to be included in the 2024-25 fiscal year budget. The goal will be to have LINFO software systems fully completed by June 30, 2025.

Goal: Community Engagement and External Relationships

- LRAPA met with the Springfield City Manager Nany Newton and Legislative and Economic Development Analyst Sam Kelly-Quattrocchi to assess LRAPA and the City of Springfield's working relationship and identify opportunities for collaboration and resource leveraging.
- LRAPA met with the Oakridge City Administrator James Cleavenger, Finance Director Colleen Shirley, Chief of Police Kevin Martin, and Admin Sgt. Mikal McPherson to assess LRAPA and the City of Oakridge's working relationship and identify opportunities for collaboration and resource leveraging, as well as provide information related to the EPA's lowering of the NAAQS for PM2.5.
- To increase visibility for the needs of budget committee members, Howard Saxion the Board Chair has requested a temporary application process until the board can approve the application and any process changes at the April board meeting.
- At the Board Chair's direction, LRAPA published a [Budget Committee application](#) on LRAPA's website.

TENTATIVE UPCOMING LRAPA BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

This schedule outline is a preview of anticipated upcoming agenda items.

April 2024

- Budget Committee Meeting
- Review & approve applications and process for budget members
- LRAPA Air Quality Permitting Rules Public Hearing
- QR 3 Financial Update
- Special section Executive Director Interviews & hire
- Congratulations on Kelly Conlon's retirement (4-30-24)

May 2024

- Budget Committee Meeting
- Approve FY25 Budget
- Oakridge Air Status Report
- Annual Report Review
- Dashboard Report
- Possible; Special section Executive Director Interviews & hire

June 2024

- Employee Recognition
- Review Board Goals by adding a type of scorecard
- Year-end overview of unaudited financials