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For Immediate Release

Code Red Health Alert Issued for Amherst County Due to Matt's Creek Fire

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The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has issued a code red health alert for Amherst, Bedford, and Nelson counties.

What this means:

- Active children and adults should limit or reschedule strenuous outdoor activities until conditions improve.
- People unusually sensitive to air pollution, especially those with heart or lung disease (including asthma), should avoid strenuous outdoor activities until conditions improve.
- If you must be outside, take more breaks and do less intense activities.
- People with asthma should follow their asthma action plans and keep quick-relief medicine handy.
- Inside with an HVAC system running is the safest place to be.

To sign up for air quality health alerts, please click [here](#).

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