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## Talking Points for Meteorologists



### Section I - Ozone

#### Ozone Yellow

##### Key On-Air Message

The air quality forecast for tomorrow is moderate (yellow) 

**Primary pollutant:** Ozone

##### Health Message/ What is the Significance?

Air quality is a concern for people who are unusually sensitive to air pollution.

##### Supporting Message/ What Action Should People Take?

If you are unusually sensitive to air pollution:

- Try to plan your strenuous outside activities when air quality is better.
- You might want to go for a walk instead of a jog.
- Take precautions if you experience any unusual coughing or chest discomfort.

##### Additional Information:


For more real-time information on air quality, go to our Web site at [enter Web site] or [Other Web sites are to the State/local agency or EPA's site at [www.epa.gov/airnow](http://www.epa.gov/airnow).]

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#### Ozone Orange

##### Key On-Air Message



The air quality forecast for tomorrow is unhealthy for sensitive groups (code orange).

**Primary pollutant:** Ozone

### **Health Message/ What is the Significance?**

Air quality is unhealthy for people in sensitive groups.

### **Supporting Message/ What Action Should People Take?**

If you are in a sensitive group, including people with lung disease (such as asthma), active adults and children:

- You might want to go for a walk instead of a jog.
- Try to cut back your strenuous outside activities or reschedule them when air quality is better.
- Coaches, it's a good idea to rotate your players, especially if any have asthma.
- Take precautions if you experience any unusual coughing or chest discomfort.
- You may want to reschedule strenuous activities to avoid ozone during the afternoon and early evening hours.
- If you work outside, try to plan strenuous activities for the morning.


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## **Ozone Red**

### **Key On-Air Message**

The air quality forecast for tomorrow is unhealthy for everyone (code red).

**Primary pollutant:** Ozone

### **Health Message/ What is the Significance?**

Air quality is unhealthy for everyone.

### **Supporting Message/ What Action Should People Take?**

Everyone:

- Try to cut back your strenuous outside activities or reschedule them when air quality is better.
- You might want to go for a walk instead of a jog.