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Message for American Citizens: Increased Air Pollution in Singapore

According to Singapore's National Environment Agency (NEA), Singapore is currently experiencing increased levels of air pollution caused by the burning of agricultural waste materials in Sumatra, Indonesia. The air in Singapore is hazy, with a noticeable smoky smell. On June 17, Singapore had a pollution standards index (PSI) reading of 111, according to the NEI. Under U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards, a PSI of 100 or greater is considered unhealthy. At that level, the EPA recommends that persons who are unusually sensitive should consider reducing prolonged or heavy exertion. As PSI levels increase, persons with underlying lung or heart conditions may experience worsening symptoms. U.S. citizens currently living in Singapore, or planning to travel to Singapore, may wish to consult their doctor about the health effects of significant air pollution.

Current information on PSI levels in Singapore is available on the website of Singapore's National Environment Agency, <http://app2.nea.gov.sg/home>.

Additional information about air quality from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency may be found at:

- Air Pollution Dangers and Measures: http://oehha.ca.gov/air/risk_assess/wildfirev8.pdf (p.17-20)
- EPA's Air Quality Index: <http://www.airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=aqibasics.aqi>
- EPA's PM2.5 website: http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/pm/pm25_index.html

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The American Citizen Services unit of the U.S. Embassy is located at 27 Napier Road in Singapore, and can be reached by calling 65-6476-9100, or by sending an e-mail to SingaporeACS@state.gov.

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