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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Strategies for Reducing Residential Wood Smoke Document

FROM: Stephen D. Page, Director 
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TO: Air Division Directors
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The Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards recently completed, "Strategies for Reducing Residential Wood Smoke" <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg/t1pigm.html> which provides a comprehensive list of strategies to help communities reduce wood smoke from residential heating. This document provides education and outreach tools, information on regulatory approaches to reduce wood smoke, as well as voluntary programs to change out old, inefficient wood stoves and fireplaces. It also includes possible approaches for funding change out programs, methods for calculating potential emission reductions, and the basic components of a wood smoke reduction plan for fine particles in areas where wood smoke is of concern. Wood smoke programs may be important in areas working to maintain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards or areas that are close to exceeding the standard.

We ask that you please distribute this information to your state, local, and tribal contacts and encourage each to consider the appropriate strategies for their area if wood smoke is a concern. If you have any questions, please contact Larry Brockman at brockman.larry@epa.gov, 919-541-5398, or Debbie Stackhouse at stackhouse.debbie@epa.gov, 919-541-5354.

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