

Panel Discusses Air Pollution in New England at UNH April 3

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DURHAM, N.H.-- New England is known for its fresh air, spectacular views and natural settings. Air pollution, however, often exceeds national air quality standards, with unsafe ozone levels resulting in haze that obscures scenic views and increases rates of respiratory disease. Other air pollutants, coupled with poor indoor air quality, threaten human and ecosystem health.

A panel discussion titled "The Air We Breathe" will be held at the University of New Hampshire Wednesday, April 3, to examine indoor and outdoor air quality in New England, transport of pollutants, associated health risks, and potential federal policy changes in air pollution standards. It takes place from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Memorial Union Theatre I and is free and open to the public.

The panel includes four experts representing the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM), the N.H. Department of Health, UNH's Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans, and Space and the N.H. Department of Environmental Services.

"The Air We Breath" is part of an ongoing series of educational programs at UNH titled "Public Health and Sustainability: Vital Signs of New Hampshire." It is sponsored by UNH's School of Health and Human Services, President's Commission on the Status of Women, Health Services and Office of Sustainability Programs: Climate Education Initiative.

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