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# Bad Air Quality May Hurt Everyone In Upstate

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GREENVILLE, S.C. -- The Upstate's air quality is considered unhealthy, and if something is not done soon, everyone could all feel the health and financial effects of bad air.

Brad Wyche with Upstate Forever said, "We have been barely in attainment for the current ground-level ozone standard. The EPA right now is considering making that standard more stringent."

Wyche said when or if that happens, he is sure the Upstate won't be in

attainment.

Consider this, from the 1950s to now the Upstate's population has exploded. Pollution from cars and trucks, combined with the recent blazing hot summer days combine to create dangerous levels of ozone.

"It has serious consequences for respiratory conditions that could aggravate asthma and bronchitis and emphysema," Wyche said.

According to Wyche, car pooling, riding your bike or using public transportation is the best way people can help keep ozone levels down.

If the Upstate air quality is considered in non-attainment by the Environmental Protection Agency, the region could lose federal highway money along with business.

Richard Blackwell with Upstate Alliance said, "A lot of the large manufacturers may not be able to get the right permits for instance, a BMW or a FUJI could not do an expansion project."

Blackwell said other companies looking to move to the Upstate may not be allowed to set up shop because the area's air quality doesn't meet federal standards.

"Quality of life is the No. 1 selling point in the upstate," Blackwell said. "If we do anything that hampers the quality of life, then it hurts our ability to sell the Upstate," he said.

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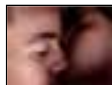
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