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## PRESS RELEASE

**DATE:** Monday, January 30, 2012  
**TIME:** 10:00 AM PST  
**TO:** Media and Reporting Fire Districts  
**FROM:** Dave Caprile, PIO, YRCAA  
**SUBJECT:** YAKIMA COUNTY – BURN BAN REMOVED

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**The Stage 1 Burn Ban for both Upper and Lower Yakima County areas has been REMOVED for all areas in YRCAA’s jurisdiction due to improved air quality conditions.**

### **Please be advised:**

The PM2.5 levels have decreased dramatically in the last 24 hours and are now at a “Healthy” level in both the Upper and the Lower County areas. Ventilation and Dispersion are Moderate to Good for Yakima County.

- PM2.5 Monitor values are Moderate to Good in Upper and Lower Valley.
- Poor to Fair ventilation and dispersion for today with poor to fair surface winds.
- Agricultural Burn allocations are up to 50 tons (Level 3) for Upper and Lower Valley (see below)
- Note: Burn Ban conditions are re-evaluated daily – for your convenience you can also sign up for our Burn Ban E-mail Updates at <http://www.yakimacleanair.org> .

### **Outdoor Burning:**

1. **Agricultural Burning** will be allowed to resume, but only with a valid 2012 Agricultural Burn permit and approved Daily Burn Allocations. Please call the YRCAA Office (509-834-2050) to receive a burn allocation.
2. **Reminder: The period for Outdoor Residential burning ended on the 15th of October, 2011.** Outdoor Residential burning will not resume until March 15th, 2012, with a 2012 Residential Burn Permit issued through this office.
- 3.

**Please Note: Restrictions may differ within the exterior boundaries of the Yakama Reservation.** The Yakama Nation is addressing air quality issues in conjunction with the EPA, under the Federal Air Rules for Reservations (FARR). For up-to-date information there, please call 1-800-424-4EPA (1-800-424-4372) and ask for the FARR Hotline or visit the Federal Air Rules for Reservations (FARR) website for the current burn status at [www.epa.gov/r10earth/FARR.htm](http://www.epa.gov/r10earth/FARR.htm) .

*Thanks to all who helped by observing this Burn Ban.*