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412-687-2243

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Wood smoke also contributes to Allegheny County's fine particulate pollution problem. Short term exposure to the fine particulate pollution found in wood smoke can aggravate lung diseases, causing asthma attacks and acute bronchitis, and may increase susceptibility to respiratory infections. Long term exposure to fine particulates has been linked to problems such as reduced lung function and the development of chronic bronchitis.

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