



DENVER RANKS 12th, BEHIND CA, AZ, TX AND NY FOR MOST POLLUTED

Central 70's future lowered highway will help reduce road pollution

Myth: The 80216 zip code is the most polluted zip code in the country.

Fact: According to the American Lung Association, Denver, Colorado doesn't even rank in the top 10 cities for worst air quality in the country. No. 1 is Los Angeles, CA followed by Visalia, CA and Bakersfield, CA.

Denver/Aurora ranked No. 12 for high ozone days out of 228 metropolitan area, No. 32 for 24-hour particle pollution out of 217 metropolitan areas and No. 86 for annual particle pollution out of 203 metropolitan areas. For more information, visit lung.org/our-initiatives/healthy-air/sota/city-rankings/most-polluted-cities.html.

For the Central 70 Project team, air quality is always top of mind. To reduce pollution, the team has been implementing the following measures:

- Ensuring all equipment meets Environmental Protection Agency standards to reduce emissions.
- Limiting idle time for construction vehicles/trucks and equipment.
- Covering, wetting, compacting or using chemical stabilization agents to control dust and evacuated materials at construction sites.
- Using wind barriers and windscreens to prevent dust from spreading from work sites.
- Installing trackpads to prevent dirt from being tracked onto neighborhood streets; cleaning up dirt tracked onto neighborhood streets.
- Covering all dump trucks leaving sites to prevent dirt and dust from spilling onto streets.
- Stationing air quality monitors throughout the Project to monitor PM10 dust and provide the team with real-time information so they can adjust construction activities.

In addition, lowering the highway has proven to have a positive impact on pollution. According to the Denver Department of Health and Environment, "research shows depressed highways with sound walls result in the lowest near-road pollution."

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