

Dane County Sees Drop In Fine-Particle Air Pollution

County To Be Taken Off EPA List

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Dane County will be taken off a list of counties that fail to meet U.S. clean air standards.

The Environmental Protection Agency raised the national clean air standards, causing Dane County to be put on a list of "non-attainment" areas.

In May, Dane County will be taken off that list because fine-particle air pollution has dropped. That means better conditions for those with health problems like asthma and lung disease, WISC-TV reported.

"This is good news for the city of Madison and for Dane County, in terms of what it means for public health, what it means for economic development, but also it's important that we continue that momentum," said Madison Mayor Dave Cieslewicz.

One of the city's goals is to have more hybrid buses in Madison.

The Clean Air Coalition said it hopes to keep the momentum going with a new Web site and a near Health Air Employer Network.

Officials said the involvement from the community is key to continued success. For more information, visit www.healthyairedane.org.