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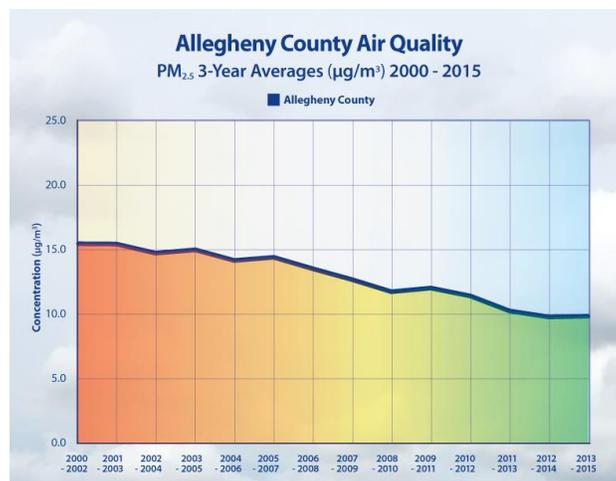
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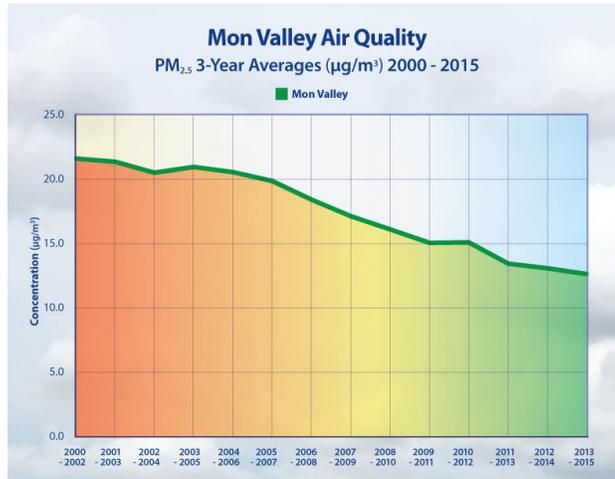
Health Department Responds to State of the Air Report

PITTSBURGH – Dr. Karen Hacker, Director of the Allegheny County Health Department, provided the following response to the recently issued American Lung Association’s State of the Air Report:

“The Allegheny County Health Department shares the American Lung Association’s commitment to healthier communities and appreciates its efforts, as well as those of many other organizations, to increase the public’s awareness of air quality issues. We are proud that Pittsburgh and Allegheny County have improved in air quality in every category mentioned in the report. We have made great strides, as evidenced in the charts below, and now have only one of the 12 county monitors exceeding federal standards.

“We know that we have more work to do, but Allegheny County is no longer in the top 25 counties for short-term particulates, and is near attainment of the annual standard. These successes have occurred through efforts of industry, government, and public advocates. We remain dedicated to continued improvements, and improving air quality for all, but working cooperatively with all stakeholders.”





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