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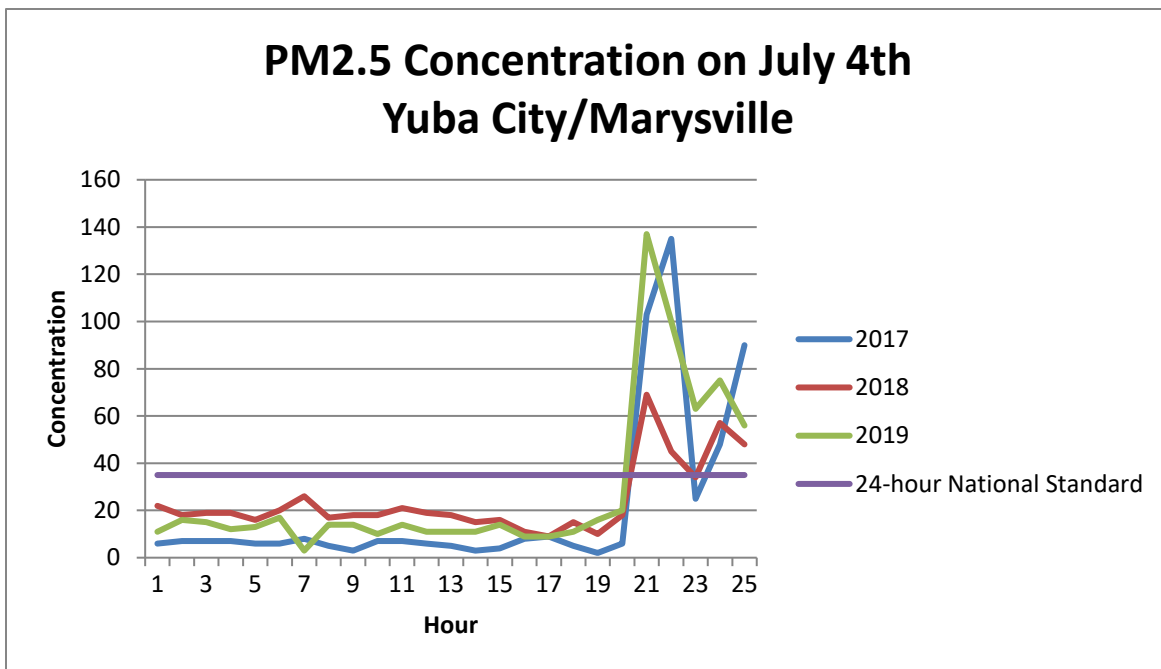
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### Fireworks Advisory – Short Term Increases in Particulate Matter Pollution Are Possible

YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA – The Feather River Air Quality Management District reminds residents that fireworks can temporarily increase air pollution in local areas and advises taking appropriate cautionary measures as individual health conditions dictate. Particle pollution from fireworks may be harmful to sensitive individuals - those with heart or lung disease, children and the elderly.

During prime time for fireworks displays (9:30 pm to midnight) significant increases in local levels of particulate pollution have been observed. This is especially true in places with substantial fireworks activity and stagnant weather conditions. Although these levels may dissipate overnight, elevated pollution concentrations can last until morning if wind conditions are stagnant or an inversion is present.



Current air quality conditions and air quality forecasts for the Yuba-Sutter Area are available to the public via the District website [www.fraqmd.org](http://www.fraqmd.org) or at [www.sparetheair.com](http://www.sparetheair.com).

Wildfire smoke is another source of particle pollution that may be present at ground level during the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. Please be extra cautious and visit CAL FIRE’s website for information on fireworks safety: <http://www.readyforwildfire.org>. To find out if any fireworks restrictions exist where you will be celebrating please contact your local fire department.

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