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## **COMPLAINT OBSERVATION LOG**

Date (MM/DD/YY)	Time	Duration	Odor		Dust or Smoke		Wind
			Intensity	Description	Intensity	Description	Direction

## **Instructions for Completing Observation Log**

To report an air pollution complaint, call the District at **(530) 745-2330**. When calling after business hours (after 5 PM and before 8 AM on Monday through Friday, and on holidays and weekends), press 4 to provide your complaint to the Placer County Sheriff's Dispatch.

This form is an information-gathering tool to collect data when a source is unknown or to assist in an existing case.

The form should be filled out by only one individual, at one location, to insure uniformity.

For each log, make entries as follows:

- Enter the type of emission observed. Check all boxes that apply.
- Enter the address where the observation was made.
- Enter the Date. You may use more than one line per day if there were several occurrences throughout the day.
- Enter the **Time** you started to observe the emissions.
- Enter the **Duration** of the emission event, in minutes.

## **Intensity and Description**

- For **Odors:** Select a number (1) through (5), listed in the below table, which indicates the **Intensity** of the odor. If you do not detect any odor, leave that column blank. Write in a **Description** of the odor. See the list below for suggestions on how to describe the odor.
- For **Dust** or **Smoke:** Select a number (1) through (5), listed in the below table, which indicates the **Intensity** of the dust or smoke. Write in a **Description** of the dust or smoke. See the list below for suggestions on how to describe the dust or smoke.

Intensity	Odor Descriptions	<b>Dust or Smoke Descriptions</b>	
1 – Very faint	Chemical	Dust from earth moving	
2 – Faint	Paint-like, solvent	Construction dust	
3 – Easily noticeable	Natural gas, household stove	Wood fiber dust	
4 – Strong	Sewage, fecal matter, manure	White smoke	
5 – Very strong	Gasoline, diesel, kerosene, oily	Gray smoke	
	Tar-like, asphalt	Dark gray smoke	
	Rotten egg (H <sub>2</sub> S), skunk	Black smoke	
	Sulfur, lighting match	Chimney smoke	
	Vomit, rotten meat, dead animal, putrid	Diesel smoke	
	Sour, acid, vinegar		
	Sweet, acrid, pungent		
	Musty, metallic		
	Burning brakes, clutch, pot handle		
	Burning wood, cardboard, paper		
	Compost, rotting vegetation		

## Wind From

• In the column labeled **Wind From**, list the compass point direction from which the wind was blowing, e.g., E (east) or NW (northwest). You may also include the wind speed in miles per hour.