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Port Augusta dust strong wind alert

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has been advised of predicted strong winds that could stir up more dust around Port Augusta this afternoon.

Flinders Power which is responsible for the former power station site in Port Augusta has been undertaking aerial spraying of a dust suppressant in the area as part of a Dust Management Plan endorsed by the EPA.

The Bureau of Meteorology has forecast strong winds this afternoon which is likely to cause another dust event in Port Augusta.

SA Health has also informed the public that in these circumstances to follow its advice which includes:

- Stay indoors, and close windows and doors where possible.
- Avoid exposure to outdoor dust clouds.
- Seek medical advice if experiencing increased symptoms.
- Avoid prolonged or heavy exertion in areas of high-dust pollution.
- Air conditioners are safe to use because of their filter systems.

Information on the Flinders Power former Port Augusta power stations site including the most recent dust analysis reports are available on the <u>EPA website</u>.

For health-related information and advice phone (08) 8226 7100 or refer to the SA Health website.