



Lane commissioners pas anti-benzene policy

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Eugene (KMTR) - This is "Pollution Prevention Week" in Oregon. The Lane County commissioners have observed it by enacting a new policy designed to help keep the county's air clean by reducing the release of benzene. Benzene can increase the risk of leukemia and may contribute to the gases that cause climate change. "Parts of Lane County have benzene levels in the air that are ten times over the state's health standards," said Rob Rockstroh, Lane County Public Health director. "Turn Your Key - Be Idle Free" is the theme of the policy which urges county employees and residents to reduce idling time in their vehicles to ten seconds and to not "top off" fuel tanks. The policy was approved during the regular Wednesday Board of Commissioners meeting.

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