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Learn why Northwest summers are choked with smoke Air quality scientist Dr. Phil Swartzendruber assesses our smoke-filled summers

EVERETT, WA –It was impossible to miss the haze, smell, and ash in the air over the Puget Sound in the summer of 2017 and 2018. What exactly happened, and how bad was the pollution? Dr. Phil Swartzendruber will talk about this and other related subjects in a free program at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, in the Everett Public Library auditorium, 2702 Hoyt Avenue in Everett.

Swartzendruber will review the wildfire smoke that impacted the Puget Sound the past two summers, will share data from air quality monitors in the Pacific Northwest, put that data into context, discuss the health impacts caused by the smoke, and project what the future might hold as our climate changes.

Dr. Phil Swartzendruber has been an Air Quality Scientist at the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency since 2010. He has a PhD in Atmospheric Sciences from the University of Washington. His research focused on measuring and identifying sources of ultra-trace levels of mercury in the troposphere. While at the Clean Air Agency, he has worked on a range of air pollution issues including fine particulate matter, residential wood burning, ozone, toxics, and climate. His work involves project design, data analysis, AQ forecasting, policy analysis, and communications and outreach.

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