

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPALS
KERN COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

The Kern County Air Pollution Control District, considering socioeconomic impacts of its actions, will be guided by the following principles, with the understanding that Rules and Regulations will be developed to reduce each air contaminant to a level that will provide for the attainment and maintenance of applicable ambient air quality standards.

1. The public has individual rights to quality of living, as expressed by the absence of pollution.
2. The responsibility of each polluter for all forms of damage caused by his pollution is recognized.
3. The quality of human life, and the presence and growth of other living things, are the major values currently damaged by pollution.
4. Therefore, exceptions to the Regulations are subject to cancellation whenever methods have been developed to remove the need for them. All individuals, industries, and organizations operating under variance or exception are entitled to a reasonable period of time for implementation and have an obligation to work in the direction of eliminating the emission of air contamination.

Adapted from the Recommendations of the White House Environmental Pollution Panel, President's Science Advisory Committee, 1965, suggestions from the Technical Advisory Committee to the Kern County Air Pollution Control Board, 1970, and amendments by the Kern County Air Pollution Control Board, 1978.