

U.A. Scientist Says Smog Could Become Worse in Arizona

TUCSON (UPI) — A University of Arizona scientist believes smog could become worse in Tucson and Phoenix than in Los Angeles, capital of the smog world.

Dr. James McDonald, senior physicist at the university's institute of atmospheric physics made the comment in an interview.

He said such a danger is "very real" because temperatures over Tucson, Phoenix and Los Angeles—and Yuma—get warmer instead of cooler.

He said Arizona's dirtiest air is at ground level, although breezes usually change the smog every 24 hours. And he said it is worse at night.

The higher temperatures trap the dust, smoke and other impurities, McDonald said.