



## Helping to Find a Solution to Air Pollution!



### **Background:**

Many times, when you study a subject or investigate an issue, you form an opinion about that issue and consider steps you would be willing to take to make a difference. However, over time it is easy to forget how important the issue seemed as you learn about other issues and subjects.

In this activity you will write a letter ... to YOURSELF! Your teacher will keep the letter and return it to you at the end of the school year. The letter will be a reminder to you about the air pollution unit you studied and how you considered what YOU could do to help this problem.

### **Include in your letter:**

1. One paragraph concerning information about what you have learned about air pollution in our community.
2. One paragraph about what others are doing to help solve this problem.
3. A final paragraph about what YOU are willing to do about air pollution. Some examples would be: Walk or ride your bike more often, take the bus more often, carpool more with your friends, or encourage your family to keep your car well-tuned. Be honest with what you will be able to commit to and keep your commitment in mind over the next few months.
4. Turn your letter in with a self-addressed envelope to your teacher. Try to remember and live by the commitment you made regarding air pollution.



### **Closing Thoughts ...**

A fun idea to share with others on what you have learned about air pollution would be to write and produce an air pollution video or skit. Plan on showing this skit or video to others in your school during Earth Day or as part of a Science Fair.

Another idea would be to contact the existing bicycle club at your school or, if there isn't one, start one! Bicycle shops or other businesses may sponsor you so you can have "fun rides" to raise money and build awareness to help stop air pollution.