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The most-read stories of 2012

A look back at the campaign letters and media releases that proved the most popular in 2012.

January

‘Clean Air in London’ lodges complaint over breaches of air pollution laws in London

Guide to health impacts: ‘Invisible’ air pollution is the biggest public health failing or ‘cover-up’ for decades
http://cleanairinlondon.org/health/guide-to-health-impacts-invisible-air-pollution-is-the-biggest-public-health-failing-or-cover-up-for-decades/

Smog could affect athletes
http://cleanairinlondon.org/olympics/smog-could-affect-athletes/

February

Guide to legal issues: UK is cheating on air quality laws and misleading the European Commission

Manifesto for the Mayoral and London Assembly elections
http://cleanairinlondon.org/indoor-air-quality/manifesto-for-the-mayoral-and-london-assembly-elections/

March

‘Clean Air in London’ calls for Caroline Spelman MP to be held accountable and resign for the UK misleading the European Commission over its Plans and Programmes for nitrogen dioxide and other serious public health failings
http://cleanairinlondon.org/legal/call-for-caroline-spelman-mp-to-resign-for-uk-misleading-european-commission/

April

Using pollution suppressants in front of the official air quality monitors most-used to warn the public of smog episodes and report legal breaches is public health fraud on an industrial scale
http://cleanairinlondon.org/hot-topics/public-health-fraud/

Guide to sources: London has the highest levels of nitrogen dioxide of any capital city in Europe
http://cleanairinlondon.org/hot-topics/highest-no2-in-europe/
May

Government caves in and releases ministerial briefing papers hours before London elections

Suspending the M4 bus lane breached air pollution law
http://cleanairinlondon.org/olympics/suspending-m4-bus-lane-has-breached-air-pollution-laws/

‘Clean Air in London’ calls for full mitigation of the ORN/PRN
http://cleanairinlondon.org/olympics/clean-air-in-london-calls-for-full-mitigation-for-the-orn-prn/

June

Commission rejects UK application to delay compliance with nitrogen dioxide laws in 12 zones
http://cleanairinlondon.org/hot-topics/london-faces-infringement/

July

‘Perfect storm’ of air pollution concerns hits London

‘Clean Air in London’ congratulates Policy Exchange on its report ‘Something in the air’

Mayor urged to warn all those affected by smog
http://cleanairinlondon.org/olympics/mayor-of-london-urged-to-warn-those-affected-by-smog/

Government issues ‘Pollution Episode Warning’ on eve of Olympics Opening Ceremony

August

Government forecasts smog on eve of the Olympics Closing Ceremony
http://cleanairinlondon.org/olympics/government-forecasts-smog-on-eve-of-olympics-closing-ceremony/

September

‘Clean Air in London’ calls for Paralympics marathon to be delayed
http://cleanairinlondon.org/olympics/clean-air-in-london-calls-for-paralympics-marathon-to-be-delayed/

Guide: Indoor air quality can be worse than outdoor
http://cleanairinlondon.org/hot-topics/indoor-air-quality-can-be-worse-than-outdoor/
Four of nine zones have already breached nitrogen dioxide time extension
http://cleanairinlondon.org/sources/four-of-nine-uk-zones-have-already-breached-nitrogen-dioxide-time-extension/

October

Highways Agency seeking to weaken public health protections

Directors of Public Health and Health and Wellbeing Boards are urged to act on air pollution

Few local authorities know if their schools use air filters that protect children
http://cleanairinlondon.org/indoor-air-quality/few-local-authorities-know-if-their-schools-use-air-filters-that-protect-children/

November

Mayor used the Pollution Suppressor to save himself not others
http://cleanairinlondon.org/olympics/mayor-used-pollution-suppressor-to-save-himself-not-others/

Boroughs should consider urgently declaring new Air Quality Management Areas
http://cleanairinlondon.org/solutions/boroughs-should-consider-urgently-declaring-new-air-quality-management-areas/

Government ‘systematically hiding’ information about dangerous air pollutants

December

Government systematically hiding smog episodes 60 years after the ‘Great Smog’
http://cleanairinlondon.org/olympics/government-is-systematically-hiding-smog-episodes-60-years-after-the-great-smog/

Mayor releases 750 pages of details about his lobbying to weaken air pollution laws