

## CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2002 PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Title	
Determining Air Pollution	
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Objectives/Goals Abstract	
My objective for this project was to find out if you can measure/detect air pollu	tion by using a simple
instrument, a laser and components you could get at radio shack. Methods/Materials	
I used a couple of resistors, a photosensor, a LM124 chip, and a Class II laser. After I build the device I	
turn the device on and record the " $0 =$ " reading, then I turn the laser on and wait around 5-6 minutes until	
the reading is stable, and then I record the result.	
<b>Results</b> I found out that the device does detect changes in air pollution from one place to another. I have found out	
that Santa Monica and Pandora has the highest amount of air pollutants (A reading of 3.81). I also have	
found out that it is safer to breath in the Century City Shopping Center parking	
in downtown (6th and Normandy)(A reading of 3.82).	
<b>Conclusions/Discussion</b> My conclusion is that you can use a simple device to measure air pollution. This	s could be used in a
person's home that is allergic to pollution (e.g. asthma patient). It could be used in airports to determine if	
it is safe for a plane to land or go to the closest airport.	1
Summary Statement	
My project is about using a simple device to detect and measure air pollution.	
Help Received	
Grandpa helped with the schematics. Mom and grandma helped with the board.	