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The role of statistics in assessing the public health threat of air pollution.

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We review current work on air pollution standards in the USA, focussing on (a) health effects research, (b) spatio-temporal analysis of current air pollution levels, in order to assess the likely impact and benefits of proposed tightened air pollution standards. The paper highlights a number of areas in which statistical analysis is relevant to assessing the case for tightened standards. (Author's abstract)

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