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Phoenix, Tucson Faced With Large Smog Problem

TUCSON (AP) — Tucson and Phoenix are threatened with a smog condition that could become as bad, or worse, as that in Los Angeles, a University of Arizona scientist believes.

There is a real danger of increased air pollution in southern Arizona, Dr. James McDonald co-director of the Institute of Atmospheric Physics at the university, said in an interview Thursday.

McDonald said the fact that the two big Arizona cities have a lower ceiling for their smog-ridden air could eventually make the situation worse than in Los Angeles. In Phoenix and Tucson, dirty air is trapped at ground level and generally dispersed to a peak of 900 feet. In Los Angeles the smog is caught at 1500 feet and may rise to 3000 feet, allowing for more dispersal of the air pollution.

McDonald said, "Our air pollution begins at ground level. We are walking around in it."

The Tucson Chamber of Commerce is contemplating asking the State Legislature to appropriate \$25,000 for a two-year study of smog control.

The University of Arizona is currently studying the smog situation in Tucson, with the cost being covered by the city.

Dr. Walkup Requests New ASC Outlays

President J. Lawrence Walkup of Arizona State College is in Tempe this afternoon attending the meeting of the Board of Regents.

Principal business concerning the state college will be the consideration of President Walkup's capital outlay requests for the