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A mid-October ozone streak in the Valley

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The San Joaquin Valley has another streak of ozone violations going over the last three days -- will it spoil the record low numbers this season?

I say: no way. There are 86 bad days right now. There will have to be 13 more bad days to pass the previous record low of 98, which happened last year.

The real worry is the double-whammy of microscopic soot, chemicals and other specks, which are appearing more often now. Unhealthy ozone and particulate matter levels can be very stressful for folks with breathing or heart problems.

I figure we'll see violations today, Thursday and Friday. Maybe we'll see one on Saturday.

But the Valley's ozone problem doesn't usually produce a week of violations this late in October.