

## **Groups sue feds over pollution plan**

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Environmental justice groups sued the federal government Thursday over a plan to clean up dangerous soot and other fine particles in the San Joaquin Valley.

The groups, represented by the nonprofit Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment, said the plan does not legally obligate the state to approve strategies that clean up the pollution.

Federal officials approved the plan in late September.

The groups include Committee for a Better Arvin, Comité Residentes Organizados al Servicio del Ambient Sano and the Association of Irrigated Residents.

The lawsuit was filed in the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.