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Matthew is a bright, active 10-year-old boy. He loves playing outside and just tried out for hockey. But he also has asthma, and had to leave the city and move to the country because he couldn't breathe in the city air. He doesn't live in Delhi or Beijing—his family had to move from Toronto.

Pollution is killing tens of thousands of people every day around the world. Cities across Asia and Europe have had to shut down and stop traffic to manage "Airpocalypse" pollution events when the air is unsafe for the people who live there breathe. But air pollution is a major killer everywhere, even places we think of as safe. How hazardous is the pollution we can't even see? *Something in the Air* explores this and other questions about the most precious resource we have—air.

Pollution causes a range of respiratory diseases, and even short exposure can change how our DNA functions. New science is finding that microscopic bits of air pollution may be able to travel from your nose directly into your brain and could be causing dementia in humans.

But, there is a new weapon against pollution—small, portable air monitors that can show the worst contaminants, in real time, at street level. Following researchers using portable monitors to give real time levels, *Something in the Air* shows the invisible dangers in the air. From vehicle exhaust to construction the documentary shows how air pollution can come from places we least expect.

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## CREDITS

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