

Arkansas Tobacco 2-WAY DM/MEH 1/30/19 **EMBARGOED UNTIL WED**

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A report released today (Wednesday) says Arkansas is failing to protect workers and young people from the negative effects of tobacco. KUAR's David Monteith spoke with the American Lung Association's Barbara Kumpe (come-pee) about the report.

NEWS07 3:55 "...Thank you."

**Anchor Outro:** That was KUAR's David Monteith.

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The American Lung Association hopes a new report will inspire the state to take more action to prevent tobacco-related deaths in Arkansas. The report released today (Wednesday) gave the state failing marks on most criteria, according spokeswoman Barbara Kumpe (come-pee).

NEWS08 0:12 "...on tobacco prevention."

The report says nearly 6,000 Arkansans die every year from issues related to tobacco use. You can hear more of the interview at 6:45/8:45 on KUAR.