

Biannual Briefing Note

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Agency: Regional District of Fraser-Fort George

Description

Each member of PGAIR is requested to provide a biannual update on implementation activities related to the Phase III Plan. Please identify your agency's relevant activities (existing and planned) in the template provided. The information from these reports will be posted on the PGAIR website. Briefing note due dates:

- November 12, 2013
- May 13, 2014

2016 PM 2.5 Goal

- A 40% reduction from all significant sources;
- A daily average not to exceed 25 micrograms per cubic meter of air; and
- An annual Average of 5 micrograms per cubic meter of air.

Questions

What have you done in the last 6 months?

- Waived Heating Unit Installation Permits for those Regional District residents that quality for the Wood Stove Exchange Program
- Provided the Regional Board with PGAIR's Annual Report on air quality and initiatives
- Incorporated dust/ air quality suppressant language in Permits related to aggregate processing
- Continued operation of a dust control program at all Regional District sites; includes a dust suppressant program for all non-paved roads and sweeping practices that align with the City of Prince George's Clean Air Bylaw
- Worked with Initiatives Prince George in finding locations for industry outside of the Prince George Airshed
- Operated an electric car from the months of June August.

Do the actions address a goal and/or strategy from the Phase III Plan?

Yes

If yes, please list the goal and/or strategy.

- Reduce Wood Smoke
 - work with PGAIR to help expand opportunities to participate in the woodstove exchange program

- o provide access to education and awareness materials provided by PGAIR
- Increased Research, Education & Coordination
 - Support the release of PGAIR's annual report on air quality and initiatives
 - Regional District of Fraser-Fort George participated in the Clean Air Forum hosted by PGAIR in Spring 2013
- Reduce Dust
 - Promote dust management best practices
 - Improve street and lot sweeping
- Reduce emissions from Industry
 - o Information sharing between stake holders
 - o Encourage best available technology and practices to reduce emissions
- Reduce emissions from transportation
 - Develop partnerships that promote, showcase and highlight use of best available technology

What are you planning to do in the next 6 months?

- Provide the Regional Board the opportunity to continue support of PGAIR through a Service Agreement
- Provide the Regional Board the opportunity to determine if continued support of the Woodstove Exchange Program through waived Heating Unit Installation Fee's (Subject to PGAIR's ability to continue the program)

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What is your long-term plan to meet the 2016 goal?

- Prepare for sweeping and dust control season
- Continued evaluation of fleet vehicle requirements
- Prepare for opportunities to use and promote electric car partnership
- Continue working with IPG for finding areas for industry to establish outside of the PG Airshed

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Please indicate your self-assessed progress during the past 6 months:

Low Medium High