



Biannual Briefing Note

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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.

What MOE has done in the last 6 months:

- Provided funding to PG AIR to assist with the engagement of the Prince George Business community with air quality issues and what they can do to improve air quality (i.e. decrease PM2.5) in Prince George. *Goals Addressed: reduce dust, reduce emissions from relevant businesses, informed community.*
- Participated in the 2013 Bike to Work Week, with 67% of EPD staff in Prince George biking to work. *Goals Addressed: reduce emissions from vehicles.*
- Participated in BC Games Sustainability Forum and discussed ways to improve air quality during the 2015 Canada Games. *Goals Addressed: reduce dust, reduce emissions from vehicles, informed community.*
- Maintained MOE air quality monitoring instruments and issued air quality advisories as necessary. *Goals Addressed: informed community.*

What MOE will do in the next 6 months:

- Consider PM_{2.5} emissions in future permit authorizations and amendments (timing is proponent driven). *Goals Addressed: reduce emissions from permitted industry.*
- Continue to maintain MOE air quality monitoring instruments and issue air quality advisories as necessary. *Goals Addressed: informed community.*
- Continue to participate in the BC Games 2015 Sustainability group to improve air quality during the 2015 BC Winter Games. *Goals Addressed: Goals Addressed: reduce dust, reduce emissions from vehicles, informed community.*
- Encourage increased participation in the 2014 Bike to Work Week. *Goals Addressed: reduce emissions from vehicles.*

MOE's long-term plan to meet the 2016 goal:

- Consider PM_{2.5} emission reductions in all future permit authorizations and amendments. *Goals Addressed: reduce emissions from permitted industry.*
- Maintain MOE air quality monitoring instruments and issue air quality advisories as necessary. *Goals Addressed: informed community.*

MOE's self-assessed progress during the past 6 months:

Low

Medium

High