



# Biannual Briefing Note

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## 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:

**Reporting Period: August, 2015**

## PG AIR 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 12 months?

- Waived Heating Unit Installation Permits for those Regional District residents that qualify for the Wood Stove Exchange Program
- Operate yard and garden waste drop off facilities throughout the City of Prince George to provide an alternative solution to yard waste burning
- 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
- Encourage anti-idling at Regional District sites through signage
- Encourage anti-idling of fleet vehicles through employee education and awareness
- Operated an electric car from the months of June – August
- Purchased three new fleet vehicles which are clean burning and fuel efficient
- Replaced three aged fire apparatus' with new apparatus'
- Continued scheduled maintenance of fleet vehicles to ensure fuel efficiency and reduce emissions

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
- provide access to education and awareness materials provided by PGAIR
- Increased Research, Education & Coordination
  - Support PGAIR initiatives
- Reduce Dust
  - Promote dust management best practices
  - Improve street and lot sweeping
- Reduce emissions from Industry
  - Information sharing between stake holders
  - 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)
- Determine the feasibility of providing yard and garden waste drop off temporary locations in conjunction with civic pride clean up programs in the fall and spring
- Continued evaluation of fleet vehicles

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- Reduce Wood Smoke
- Reduce emissions from Transportation
- Increased Research, Education & Coordination

**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
- Evaluate the paving of access and parking areas on select Volunteer Fire Department sites
- Provide alternative locations for industry to establish outside of the PG Airshed

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- Increased Research, Education & Coordination
- Reduce emissions from transportation
- Information sharing between stake holders
- Encourage best available technology and practices to reduce emissions

**Please indicate your self-assessed progress during the past 12 months:**

Low

Medium

High