

My actions on the PG AIR Executive assist the implementation of the Phase III Plan generally, while my personal actions address the following Phase III goals and strategies:

- Research, Education and Coordination
  - Goal: a community that is well informed and aware of air quality issues, trends, and actions for improvement.
    - Strategy 2: Facilitate... events that promote and encourage clean air practices
    - Strategy 3: Improve awareness of air quality issues and potential solutions
- Transportation
  - Goal: Reduce emissions from vehicles (including personal)
    - Strategy 1: Reduce vehicle idling
    - Strategy 3: Encourage alternative transportation

***What are you planning to do in the next year? Does the action address a goal and/or strategy from the Phase III Plan? If yes, please list the goal and/or strategy.***

Over the next year, I plan to continue to take actions both professionally and personally to work toward improving local air quality. First, I plan to attend any relevant conferences or workshops and to explore with PG AIR staff ways to engage with citizens (such as through social media) on local air quality issues. Second, I plan to include in the environmental law course I have recently began teaching at UNBC a case study on local air quality, so to educate and explore with students actions and challenges of improving local air quality. Finally, on a personal level, I will continue to work towards minimizing my impact on local air quality, including driving less and installing a natural gas insert in our home fireplace.

In addition to the goals and/or strategies in the Phase III Plan as discussed in the first question, above, these actions address the following Phase III Plan goals and strategies:

- Woodburning
  - Goal: Reduce wood smoke
    - Strategy 1: Reduce emissions from space heating

***What is your long-term plan to meet the 2016 goal? Does the action address a goal and/or strategy from the Phase III Plan? If yes, please list the goal and/or strategy.***

The Public Member position on PG AIR is a one-year term, which can be renewed annually for up to three years. This will be the final year of my term as the Public Member. To continue to assist PG AIR work towards improving air quality in the Prince George airshed, I will explore actions to continue my involvement with PG AIR, including reapplying for the Public Member position.

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

Low

Medium

High



# Annual Briefing Note

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## Description

*Each member of PGAIR is requested to provide an annual update on implementation activities related to the Phase III Plan. Please identify your agency's relevant activities (existing and planned) in the template provided. These reports will be posted on the PGAIR website.*

### **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 year? Does the action address a goal and/or strategy from the Phase III Plan? If yes, please list the goal and/or strategy.***

I have held a Public Member position on PG AIR since November 2011. Over the last year, I have taken actions toward improving air quality in our airshed. On a professional level, I have continued to sit on the PG AIR Executive and, in that capacity, have attended monthly operational meetings where I have received updates, and provided direction, on the implementation of programs and projects under the Phase III Plan and the day-to-day operations of PG AIR. In November 2014, I also attended the David Suzuki Blue Dot Green Lunch event at UNBC, where I engaged with members of the public to discuss actions to, among other things, improve local air quality.

On a personal level, I have continued to take small actions to reduce my impact on local air quality (and serve as an example of actions citizens can take to reduce their impact), including driving a hybrid vehicle (and using eco-driving strategies such as trip planning, accelerating gently and not speeding), not idling unnecessarily, and using a shovel (rather than a motorized snow blower) for removing snow. I have also taken new steps to reduce my impact on local air quality, including driving less and walking more, signing PG AIR's *Pledge to Drive Smart and be Idle-Free* (on [www.pgairquality.com](http://www.pgairquality.com)), and using a push lawnmower (rather than a motorized lawnmower) for cutting grass. In March, our family reduced the number of vehicles from two to one, and we will determine over the next six months whether we can make this reduction permanent.