



Air Quality Briefing Note

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2016 Phase III 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?

- Provide funding to PG AIR to support public educational efforts, and engagement with the business community on air quality issues and actions to improve air quality in Prince George. *Goals Addressed: reduce dust; reduce emissions from relevant businesses; reduce wood smoke; informed community*
- Maintained MOE air quality monitoring instruments and issued air quality advisories as necessary. *Goal Addressed: informed community*
- Participated in the 2017 Bike to Work Week and inter-office active commuting challenges within Prince George. *Goal Addressed: reduce emissions from vehicles*
- Solid Fuel Burning Domestic Appliance Regulation Updated. *Goal Addressed: reducing emissions from residential wood burning*
- Tool development that aid staff to evaluate and report out air quality information more efficiently and effectively (ongoing)
- Supporting PG AIR with Phase III reporting (ongoing)

What are you planning to do in the next 12 months?

- Consider PM_{2.5} emissions in future permit authorizations and amendments (timing is proponent driven). *Goal Addressed: reduce emissions from permitted industry*
- Continue to maintain MOE air quality monitoring instruments and issue air quality advisories as necessary. *Goal Addressed: informed community*
- Release air quality summary report for Prince George (2015-2016 data). *Goal addressed: informed community*
- Complete tool development that will assist staff with timely evaluation and reporting of air quality information
- Encourage increased participation in the 2017 Bike to Work Week. *Goal Addressed: reduce emissions from vehicles*

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

- Does the action address a goal and/or strategy from the PGAIR Strategic Plan?
- If yes, please list the goal and/or strategy.

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

Low

Medium

High