

For Immediate Release
May 30, 2006

Smog Advisory Partially Lifted

Effective immediately, the Ministry of the Environment has lifted its *Smog Advisory* for the following forecast regions:

Burk's Falls-Bayfield Inlet	Manitoulin-Northshore-Killarney
Greater Sudbury and Vicinity	North Bay-West Nipissing

A cold front is moving across northern Ontario bringing cloudiness and unsettled weather. This change in weather has resulted in cleaner air in the air quality forecast regions listed above.

However, a *Smog Advisory* continues and is in effect until further notice for the following regions:

Barrie-Orillia-Midland	Kingston-Prince Edward
Belleville-Quinte-Northumberland	London-Middlesex
City of Hamilton	Niagara
City of Toronto	Oxford-Brant
Dufferin-Innisfil	Parry Sound-Muskoka-Huntsville
Dunnville-Caledonia-Haldimand	Peterborough-Kawartha Lakes
Elgin	Sarnia-Lambton
Grey-Bruce	Simcoe-Delhi-Norfolk
Haliburton	Waterloo-Wellington
Halton-Peel	Windsor-Essex-Chatham-Kent
Huron-Perth	York-Durham

Continuing hot, sunny conditions combined with a southwesterly flow of polluted air from the United States and local build-up of pollutants are resulting in elevated smog levels across southwestern, central, and parts eastern Ontario.

Smog is a hazy mix of pollutants made up of ground-level ozone, fine particulate matter and other pollutants. During the summer months, more than half of Ontario's smog-causing pollution originates in the United States. In cooler months, domestic sources can be significant contributors to the formation of fine particulate matter.

The website www.airqualityontario.com contains a list of “spare the air” actions (www.airqualityontario.com/science/spareair.cfm) to help combat smog and minimize its effect on sensitive populations. If you want to learn more about air quality, visit the Ministry of the Environment’s website at www.ene.gov.on.ca.

- 30 -

Contact:
John Steele
Communications Branch
(416) 314-6666