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## Notice of Smog Advisory

Today, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment issued a *Smog Advisory* for tomorrow, July 16, 2006 for the following forecast regions:

Elgin	London-Middlesex
Sarnia-Lambton	Windsor-Essex-Chatham-Kent

A *Smog Advisory* is issued when there is a high probability for elevated smog levels the next day.

Hot and sunny conditions with southwesterly winds are expected to result in high smog levels in southwestern Ontario during Sunday.

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](http://www.airqualityontario.com) contains a list of "spare the air" actions ([www.airqualityontario.com/science/spareair.cfm](http://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](http://www.ene.gov.on.ca).

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