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Smog Advisory Lifted

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

Belleville-Quinte-Northumberland	Kingston-Prince Edward
Brockville-Leeds and Grenville	Prescott and Russell
City of Ottawa	Smiths Falls-Lanark-Sharbot Lake
Cornwall-Morrisburg	Stirling-Tweed-South Frontenac

A cold front moving across the regions listed above is bringing cloudy and unsettled weather. This change is resulting in cleaner air.

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.

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