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## Notice of Expanded Smog Advisory

The Ministry of the Environment is expanding its existing *Smog Advisory* for tomorrow, August 1, 2006, to include the following additional forecast regions:

Barrie-Orillia-Midland	Kingston-Prince Edward
Belleville-Quinte-Northumberland	Niagara
City of Hamilton	Oxford-Brant
City of Toronto	Parry Sound-Muskoka-Huntsville
Dufferin-Innisfil	Peterborough-Kawartha Lakes
Dunnville-Caledonia-Haldimand	Simcoe-Delhi-Norfolk
Grey-Bruce	Waterloo-Wellington
Haliburton	York-Durham
Halton-Peel	

A *Smog Advisory* remains in effect for:

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

The *Smog Advisory* for all of the above regions will be in effect until further notice.

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

Hot, hazy and humid conditions combined with a southwesterly flow of polluted air from the United States and local build-up of pollutants are expected to result in elevated smog levels across southwestern, central and parts of 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](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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