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Smog Advisory Lifted

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

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

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

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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