



MEDIA BRIEFING PGAIR PROGRESS REPORT

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The Prince George Air Improvement Roundtable (PG AIR) is pleased to report on matters discussed at its June 01, 2010 meeting.

1. Phase III Plan Development

The primary goal of the Phase III Plan will be to achieve the fine PM emission reduction targets adopted by PGAIR in January 2009. Facilitated sessions were held on May 5th and May 12th, where significant progress was made in the development of Phase III. PG AIR will continue towards development of the Phase III Plan over the next months. Phase III is scheduled to be finalized by November 30th, 2010.

2. Formaldehyde Sampling

The Ministry of Environment started sampling for Formaldehyde on May 28th in the Millar Addition. PGAIR attended the sampling event along with the Peoples Action Committee for Healthy Air (PACHA) and the Millar Addition Citizens Coalition (MACC). Results from the first sampling round are expected within the next two to three weeks.

3. Idle Free Education & Eco-Driving Campaign

It was discussed whether the Idle Free program should focus on a broad educational campaign or a Vehicle Emissions Testing Clinic, and the capacity of PGAIR to move forward with an Idle Free program. A PGAIR Idle Free committee has been developed to provide assistance in determining the capacity of PGAIR to carry out the 2010 Idle Free & Eco-Driving Campaign.

4. Bike to Work Week 2010

PGAIR is participating this year in Bike to Work Week by volunteering throughout the week at the Celebration Stations set-up throughout the City. PG AIR encourages members and the public to consider alternative transportation opportunities and participate in Bike to Work Week. Please visit www.biketowork.ca/princegeorge for more details.

For more information, please visit the PG AIR website at www.pgairquality.com.

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PGAIR Society is a group of volunteers representing a broad spectrum of the community; including the public, government, industry, Northern Health, UNBC, PACHA, commercial and transportation sectors. PGAIR is working towards continuous improvement of the air quality within the Prince George air shed, and coordinates various programs and communication initiatives in support of this effort. PGAIR also coordinates research and provides science-based recommendations reached by consensus to various stakeholders and decision-making bodies to help improve air quality.