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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Smog Advisory Issued for Peterborough Region for  
Saturday, August 15*****Residents Advised to Monitor Situation***

**Friday, August 14, 2009, Peterborough**

The Peterborough County-City Health Unit (PCCHU) announced this afternoon that a Smog Advisory has been issued by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment for the Peterborough-Kawartha Lakes region for Saturday, August 15.

A Smog Advisory means that there is a strong likelihood that there may be poor air quality within the next 24 hours due to ground-level ozone and/or particulate matter. Residents are urged to monitor the situation and to take actions if and when a smog episode occurs.

During a smog episode, individuals may experience eye irritation. Heavy outdoor exercise may cause respiratory symptoms such as coughing or shortness of breath. People with heart or lung disease including asthma may experience a worsening of their condition.

For more information about smog in the Peterborough area, please visit <http://www.pcchu.ca/HH/HH-smog.html> or the Air Quality Ontario website at: [www.airqualityontario.com](http://www.airqualityontario.com).

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