



Task Force Confirms Oakville-Clarkson Airshed has Reached its Limit

Oakville, ON – July 12, 2010 —A report commissioned by Premier Dalton McGuinty concerning air quality in the Oakville-Clarkson airshed (OCA) has found that the air quality is “taxed” and no new major sources of pollution should be allowed unless there is a corresponding plan to offset the key air contaminants. The report was prepared by Dr. David Balsillie and submitted to Ontario Environment Minister John Gerretson in late June.

“The Ontario government has done much to improve air quality in the province,” the report says. “It can do more, beginning in the Oakville-Clarkson Airshed by breaking new ground through a new model for airshed management.”

“C4CA welcomes and supports this report,” says Frank Clegg, Chairman of C4CA. “These recommendations from this report are important to us, because if they are acted upon, they will help to ensure a safe and healthy environment and better quality of life for those who live and work in the OCA.”

The Ontario government passed an Order in Council to establish the Southwest Greater Toronto Air Quality Task Force (AQTF) in September of 2009 to make recommendations to improve air quality and manage air pollution impacts in the OCA. Dr. David Balsillie’s report includes over 30 recommendations related to improving air quality through strategies, timelines, emission targets and the assignment of roles and responsibilities for the challenge.

C4CA expressed its strong support for a recommendation to have all new industrial activities that will increase emissions within the region evaluated by the Ministry, including the proposed Oakville Generating Station, in light of the current capacity of the airshed.

About C4CA

Citizens for Clean Air (“C4CA”), a non-profit organization, is a coalition of volunteer citizens from Oakville and Mississauga. The group is committed to stopping the Oakville Generating Station at this location and to ensuring that there is a full and proper assessment of the impact on health and safety of the community, residents and others who would be exposed to its emissions of any proposed gas power plant.

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