

Smog Advisories, Waterloo-Wellington & Ontario, 2013, 2014, 2015

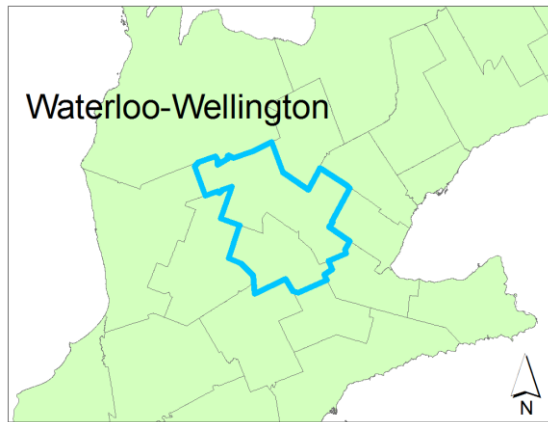


Table 1. Number of smog advisories issued and number of days smog advisories were in effect, Waterloo-Wellington and Ontario, 2013-2015

	2013		2014		2015	
	# of Smog Advisories	# of Days	# of Smog Advisories	# of Days	# of Smog Advisories	# of Days
Waterloo-Wellington	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ontario	1	2	0	0	0	0

Definition:

'# of smog advisories' refers to the number of annual smog advisories issued by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment. Smog advisories may be issued for periods longer than one day.

'# of days' refers to the annual number of days smog advisories were in effect when a smog advisory was issued.

Smog is a general term used to describe a mixture of air pollutants, dominated by ground-level ozone and fine particulate matter. The Ontario Ministry of the Environment monitors air pollutant levels and issues smog advisories when there is a strong likelihood that widespread elevated and persistent smog levels are expected to occur within a given geographic area. For a more detailed explanation of smog advisories, go to: <http://www.airqualityontario.com/press/faq.php#6>

Limitations and Notes:

Smog advisories are issued for the Waterloo-Wellington Forecast Region and are not necessarily representative of the air quality in all parts of Waterloo Region. It is possible that poor air quality levels could occur within this geographic area without a smog advisory being issued. Similarly, it is also possible that poor air quality levels will not materialize in this geographic area even though a smog advisory has been issued.

Source:

Summary of Smog Advisories, 2003-2015. Ontario Ministry of the Environment. Date extracted: January 15, 2015.

Summary of Special Air Quality Statements and Smog and Air Health Advisories, 2015-2016. Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change. Date extracted: April 25, 2016.

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