



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### ROAD DUST ADVISORY DISCONTINUED FOR Burns Lake, Houston

March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – Smithers. The Ministry of Environment has discontinued a Road Dust Advisory for Burns Lake and Houston. Localized precipitation caused concentrations of coarse particulates to decrease in some areas, and precipitation is forecast over the region and will cause further decreases over the day and evening.

Access [www.bcairquality.ca](http://www.bcairquality.ca) or call (250) 847-7224 for more air quality information.

#### Additional Information:

- The provincial air quality objective for coarse particles, PM<sub>10</sub>, is 50 micrograms per cubic metre, averaged over 24 hours. 24-Hour average PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations are summarized below for communities in Skeena Region and are current as of 9:00 AM, Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Community	Burns Lake	Houston	Smithers	Terrace	Kitimat
24-Hour PM <sub>10</sub> Concentrations	69	44	36	74	15

- Concentrations in Terrace have increased over the past 24-hours but will decrease with later today and tonight.
- Real-time air quality information for B.C. communities can be found at: [www.bcairquality.ca](http://www.bcairquality.ca).

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