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## AIR QUALITY ENDED FOR WILLIAMS LAKE

(January 26, 2017 12:00 PST - Kamloops) The Ministry of Environment in collaboration with the Interior Health Authority has ended the Air Quality Advisory that was issued yesterday for Williams Lake due to elevated concentrations of fine particulate matter. Changing meteorological conditions have improved conditions across the region.

Real-time air quality observations and information regarding the health effects of air pollution can be found at [www.bcairquality.ca](http://www.bcairquality.ca).

### Additional Information

- The provincial air quality objective for PM<sub>2.5</sub> is 25 micrograms per cubic metre ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ), averaged over 24 hours. 24-hour average PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations are summarized below for Williams Lake and other communities at 12:00 PM (PST) today:

Community	Williams Lake	Kamloops (downtown)	Quesnel
24 hr Concentration ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ )	21.8	18.8	21.8

- The hourly average values of in Williams Lake are significantly lower and air quality levels continue to improve.

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