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Air Quality Tracker Now Available in Saskatchewan

JUNE 7, 2016. SASKATOON, SK.– **The Western Yellowhead Air Management Zone** (WYAMZ) is pleased to announce that real time air quality ratings are available to the public for free.

With the recent fires in Fort McMurray, and our Federal Government's promises to reduce green house gas emissions, air quality has hit the radar for many people across Saskatchewan. Whether they are planning a camping trip or wondering if their child can play outside today due to the smoke, people in Saskatchewan need to know the impact air quality can have on their lives, and how to react. Thanks to the technology available through the WYAMZ, they can.

The WYMZ has established 6 airpointers reporting live air quality for the area including Saskatoon, Lloydminster, and North Battleford. Stations at <u>Meadow Lake</u>, <u>Unity</u>, <u>Maidstone</u>, <u>Kindersley</u>, <u>Lloydminster West</u> and <u>Lloydminster East</u> are now available to display live air quality readings at <u>wyamz.ca</u>.

"Like any environmental factor, air quality can impact our lives, our communities, and our businesses in Saskatchewan," explains Terry Gibson, Executive Director of WYAMZ. "In the spirit of Clean Air Day on June 8th, we are proud to offer the public free access to air quality ratings to better understand any potential air quality risks in their community so they can better live, work, and play in our province."

For access to air quality data in other areas of Saskatchewan, visit the <u>Saskatchewan</u> <u>Environment's Air Quality Index Page</u>.

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The West Yellowhead Air Management Zone is an association of government, municipal, private, and public members concerned about the health and safety of all residents of the zone and the environment in which we all live, work, and play. From Meadow Lake to the South Saskatchewan River, and Lloydminster to Manitou Beach, we strive to offer organizations and citizens access to the air quality data they need to foster thriving environments, businesses, communities, and people in our province.

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