

Smog advisory

Air quality approaching poor reading

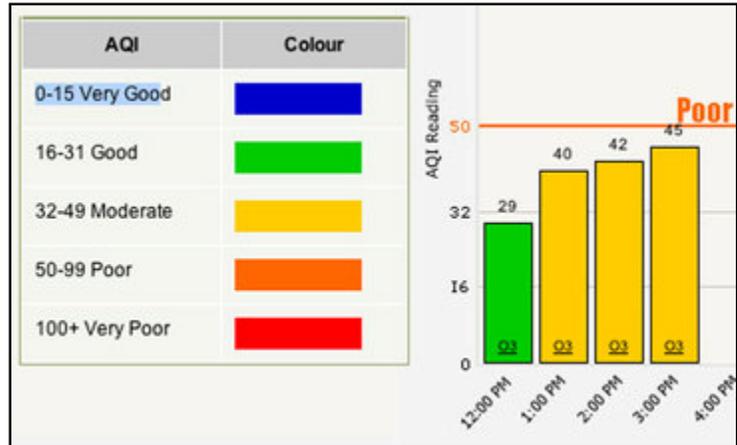
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- Be prepared for severe weather

DURHAM -- A smog advisory has been issued as the air quality readings in Durham Region inch up toward readings considered poor.

The advisory was issued by the Ontario Environment Ministry mid-afternoon Friday.

The air quality index reading at 3 p.m. was 45, which is considered moderate. A reading of 50 or above is considered poor.



The air quality index at 3 p.m. Friday showed a reading of 45 in Oshawa which is considered moderate. A reading of 50 is considered poor.

The smog advisory is in effect until further notice and warns of the potential for poor air quality in the next 24 hours.

Smog can cause eye irritation or more serious ailments for people who overexert themselves.

"Heavy outdoor exercise may cause respiratory symptoms such as coughing or shortness of breath," the advisory said.

"People with heart or lung disease, including asthma, may experience a worsening of their condition."