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ROAD DUST ADVISORY ENDED FOR VERNON

(March 24, 2020 - Vernon) The Ministry of Environment in collaboration with the Interior Health Authority has ended the Air Quality Advisory that was issued on 2020/03/19 for Vernon due to elevated concentrations of dust. Conditions have improved across the region.

Real-time air quality observations and information regarding the health effects of air pollution can be found at https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/air.

Additional Information:

- The provincial air quality objective for PM$_{10}$, is 50 micrograms per cubic metre ($\mu$g/m$^3$), averaged over 24 hours. 24-hour average PM$_{10}$ concentrations are summarized below for Okanagan communities as of March 24, 2020 at 12:00 local time:

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<th>Community</th>
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<th>Kelowna</th>
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<td>Concentration ($\mu$g/m$^3$)</td>
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- The hourly average values of PM$_{10}$ in Vernon are significantly lower and the air quality continues to improve.

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