



Public Health
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SUDBURY & DISTRICTS

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Re: Approval of Nickel Site-Specific Air Standard – Vale

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the site-specific air standard request for Nickel for Vale Canada's Copper Cliff Smelter.

Although lower than the Upper Risk Threshold of 2 ug/m³ (24 hour average), and lower than the present Site Specific Standard of 1 ug/m³ (annual average) the proposed Site Specific Standard of 0.4 ug/m³ (annual average) is still much higher than the new legislated standard of 0.04 ug/m³ (annual average).

Public Health Sudbury & Districts strongly recommends that there be an expectation that Vale continually re-assess equipment, procedures, and operations to not only meet the Site Specific Standard, but also continue make active progress towards reaching the actual O. Reg. 419/05 Point of Impingement limit of 0.04 ug/m³ (annual average).

If you have any questions, please contact me at 705.522.9200, ext. 218.

Sincerely,

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