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*Via Electronic Mail*

The Honourable Dalton McGuinty  
Premier of Ontario  
Room 281, Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier:

**Re: Curbing Transboundary Air Pollution**

The Sudbury & District Board of Health passed the following motion #42-05 at its May 19, 2005 Board of Health meeting:

***WHEREAS coal-fired power plants on both sides of the Canada-United States (U.S.) border are significant contributors to smog and other forms of air pollution; and***

***WHEREAS current commercial practices and legislative activities in the United States increase smog producing emissions; and***

***WHEREAS the Ontario Ministry of the Environment estimates that up to 50% of Ontario smog originates in the United States, particularly during smog alert episodes; and***

***WHEREAS the prevailing winds that blow from southwest, coal-fired power plants in the U.S. adversely impact air quality in communities throughout Ontario; and***

***WHEREAS air quality significantly impacts upon the public health;***

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sudbury & District Board of Health endorse the Toronto Board of Health recommendations outlined in Board of Health Report 3, "Curbing Transboundary Air Pollution"; and***

***FURTHER THAT the Sudbury & District Board of Health submit in writing to the Premier of Ontario their support for the staff recommendations as outlined in the aforementioned report; and***

***THAT this letter of support be forwarded to all Ontario Boards of Health.***

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Thank you for your attention to this important environmental public health matter.

Yours in public health,

*Original signed by*

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c: **Ontario Boards of Health**