

# Air Zone Management



An air zone is defined as a geographic region within the province of Saskatchewan that shares similar air quality characteristics and challenges. Air zone boundaries are established by considering features such as topography, meteorology, economic activities, pollution sources and common air quality issues.

Air zones are managed by a non-profit Board of Directors comprised of public, industry, government and non-government members. These stakeholders work together to monitor and manage regional air quality by identifying local air quality issues and developing solutions to address local needs. Air quality monitoring is conducted through an independent contractor.

Saskatchewan has three active air zones. The Great Plains Air Zone, the most recent air zone, was

established in 2014 and encompasses the Moose Jaw, Regina and Yorkton region. The province's first air zone, [Southeast Saskatchewan Airshed Association](#), was incorporated in 2005. The [Western Yellowhead Air Management Zone](#) was incorporated in February 2012.

Plans are underway to establish air zones throughout the entire province. This will meet the requirements of the Canada-wide Air Quality Management System implementation schedule, which was approved by the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) in October 2012. Air zone management provides flexibility to consider regional differences while ensuring a consensus-based approach to air management.

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