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WBEA Human Exposure Monitoring Program set to run in Fort Chipewyan this summer

(Fort Chipewyan, Alberta) The Wood Buffalo Environmental Association is gearing up this summer for the second round of its Human Exposure Monitoring Program (HEMP) in the community of Fort Chipewyan.

HEMP is an ongoing personal air quality surveillance program delivered by the Wood Buffalo Environmental Association and Alberta Health and Wellness. The program examines the relationship between certain air contaminants in people's personal, indoor and outdoor air.

During the first two weeks of July Fort Chipewyan residents will be solicited to volunteer for the program. Volunteers will be required to wear a set of passive and active air monitors for a continuous 7-day period, and will also be asked to allow additional monitoring equipment to be set up outside of their homes. The monitoring program also requires volunteers to keep a daily activity journal to allow for better interpretation of monitoring results.

The program focuses on two different communities/areas in the Municipality each year and results are shared with both volunteers and the community at large. Last year the program focused on the city of Fort McMurray as well as the Fort McMurray First Nations Gregoire Lake/Anzac areas.

Results of previous monitoring years can be viewed on the WBEA website at www.wbea.org.

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