

Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks

# **Sarnia Area Environmental Health Project: Environmental Stressors Review**

Community Information Meeting  
November, 2020



# Purpose

- Provide an overview of the Environmental Stressors Review
- Seek input on approach



# Background

- We've heard neighbours of industrial facilities share concerns about environmental stressors or disturbances such as:
  - Odour
  - Noise/vibration
  - Night-time light
- These disturbances can lead to anxiety about what is happening and impact quality of life in a community.



# Goal

- Consider how quality of life is impacted by disturbances from industrial operations (noise, odour, vibrations, light) and identify communications and other initiatives that could reduce associated stress and anxiety.



# Approach

- **To be scoped and implemented with the Advisory Committee and community partners.**
- We plan to document:
  - What we know about disturbances in the area
  - Current initiatives to address disturbances
  - What more we can do
- To be compiled in an *Environmental Stressors Review Report*



# What We Know

- Ministry is reviewing available data on industrial activities that create noise/vibration, odour and night-time light (e.g., complaints, incidents and emergencies).
- We'll work with the Advisory Committee on how to reflect local experiences (feedback at community meetings, community surveys, published reports/reviews).



# Current Local Initiatives

- We're compiling information on systems in place and initiatives for responding to and communicating about incidents and emergencies by:
  - Ministry
  - Industry
  - Communities
  - Health agencies



# What More We Can Do

- We'll identify opportunities for enhancing information and communications on incidents and emergencies.
- We'll look for collaborative partnerships to address environmental stressors and improve quality of life in the community.



# Next Steps

- Receive feedback on initial ideas.
- Report back on progress, and seek further community input during future meetings.

# Questions? Comments?

Outside of community meetings, we encourage all those who are interested to use the following platforms to receive updates/ provide feedback:



Regular updates on all components of the SAEHP will be posted in future on CASA, the local air quality webpage: [www.cleanairsarniaandarea.com](http://www.cleanairsarniaandarea.com)



To provide feedback, or ask further questions, please email: [SAEHP@Ontario.ca](mailto:SAEHP@Ontario.ca)