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Canadian Wildfire Smoke Impacts Cleveland Air Quality Today

Cleveland — Smoke from hundreds of active wildfires in Canada has drifted southward, contributing to degraded air quality across the Midwest and Great Lakes region. Prevailing wind patterns and established high-pressure systems over the East are creating hazy skies and triggering air quality alerts in numerous northern states including Ohio. In Cleveland today, the Air Quality Index (AQI) has reached the **"Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups"** range, meaning an AQI between 101 and 150.

Health Advisory:

Individuals with heart or lung disease, older adults, and children should take the following precautions:

- **Monitor air quality** throughout the day
- **Choose less strenuous activities** outdoors
- **Limit time spent outside**

Air quality conditions are variable and can deteriorate quickly. Please check www.airnow.gov for the most up-to-date information and hourly updates and refer to the Cleveland Department of Public Health with additional questions.

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