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HIEA's 2008 Environmental Survey shows improving trends

The Hamilton Industrial Environmental Association (HIEA) is a non-profit association of local private sector industries. HIEA's mandate is: "to improve the local environment – air, land and water – through joint and individual activities, and by partnering with the community to enhance future understanding of environmental issues and help establish priorities for action."

Using 1997 as the baseline year to evaluate environmental trends the 2008 Environmental Survey shows overall improvement for the years 1997 through 2008. This year's statistics are a concrete example of the continued success that HIEA member companies are achieving to improve the environment in the Hamilton community.

HIEA member companies have collectively invested approximately \$410 million on environmental capital and operating expenses in the last 5 years, investing between \$6 million and \$37 million on environmental capital projects each year.

"HIEA has a strong history of transparent and open communications regarding the collective environmental performance of its members. We conduct an annual environmental survey of each year and report aggregate environmental performance against key parameters such as air emissions, water discharges, recycling and waste management and environmental spending and stewardship" said Jim Stirling, Board Chair of the Hamilton Industrial Environmental Association. "Since 1997 there have been significant improvements made by member companies in the area of environmental protection. In 2008, HIEA's collective environmental performance continued this positive trend."

"HIEA has been very supportive of community environmental initiatives and this is just one example of their great work," said Pat Thiessen, Co-Chair of HIEA's Community Advisory Panel and Homeside Community Representative.

The Hamilton Industrial Environmental Association (HIEA), is a non-profit association whose members represent local private sector industries. HIEA member companies are committed to reducing their environmental footprint and by working in partnership with residents and community associations to promote environmental awareness.

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