



ICE ARENA AIR QUALITY

This morning a report was aired on NBC regarding the safety of the air in ice arenas around the country. This report questioned the safety of the air quality in ice arenas that use propane or natural gas powered Zamboni or Olympia ice making machines. The Rolling Meadows Park District does use propane powered Olympia's for ice making. The park district has very strict maintenance protocols for both machines to ensure the machines are running effectively and efficiently and are safe to use with the ventilation system used in the ice surface areas.

The Rolling Meadows Park District has Industrial Gas Detection Equipment from CONSPEC installed at both the Nelson Sports Complex and West Meadows Ice Arenas. This equipment provides us with a continuous monitoring of the indoor air quality at the rinks. At West Meadows the monitor is located on the rink wall along the ice arena offices and at Nelson Sports Complex the monitor is located on the wall next to the home bench.



West Meadows Ice Arena



Nelson Sports Complex

The alarms are equipped to warn patrons and staff when a dangerous level may be present.

The report also questioned the use of the ice edger, which the Park District does use, and again staff follows strict maintenance protocols for these machines. In addition, ice maintenance is scheduled during low attendance times during the week.

Our number one concern is the safety of our staff, our skaters and our fans. If at any time you have a question or concern regarding the safety of one of our facilities please do not hesitate to contact us.