

### Group 3: Chemical Valley, Ontario (Answer Key)

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<https://www.ecojustice.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/2007-Exposing-Canadas-Chemical-Valley.pdf>

1. Describe the location of the Aamjiwnaang Chippewa reserve. **It's in the middle of Ontario's biggest industrial factory centre. There are over 60 factories surrounding them. It is the most polluted place in Canada**
2. Why are the pollution laws in Ontario not protecting the residents? (p.8 "Exposing Canada's Chemical Valley) **The laws have limits on specific pollutants. There is no language about multiple pollutants at the same time.**
3. Why did Ada Lockridge drop the 2011 case where she said that Ontario's Ministry of the Environment allowing Suncor Energy Products to increase production at part of its Sarnia refinery violated their Charter rights, sections 7 and 15? **The government started to fix things and the lawyers thought it was best to drop.**
4. What did Mr. Tuncak write in his 2019 OHCHR report on Chemical Waste and Human Rights, specifically regarding Indigenous people? **Indigenous peoples appear to be disproportionately located in close proximity to actual and potential sources of toxic exposure. Pervasive trend of government inaction. He calls for Bill c-262 to be passed (UNDRIP)**
5. What has the Ontario government done to help the Chippewa living in Chemical Valley? **They put in an online air quality monitoring system.**