



Canada: Environmental News & Opportunities

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The following projects and environmental news reflect information available to the U.S. Commercial Service in Canada up to January 3, 2007. This is one of a series of ongoing news reports on the Canadian environmental market. The information comes from a wide variety of reliable industry and government sources in Canada. Summaries are usually available at no charge to bonafide U.S. companies by contacting our National Sector Coordinator - Environmental Industries (see below).

1. **Ontario** has announced a US\$52million program for cleaning up **abandoned mine sites**. The six-year program will include a wide variety of environmental projects at sites around the province. Some of those projects will involve assessments, monitoring, capping, water treatment, site-specific studies and other related activities.
2. The U.S. Commercial Service is continuing to move forward with planning for the **American Water Works Association**, annual conference and trade show (**ACE07**) in Toronto, Ontario, June 24-28. (www.awwa.org/ace07). To assist U.S. firms with their planning for that event, a **free webinar** is being planned for February 15, 2007. See: www.buyusa.gov/canada for registration and details.
3. The city of Edmonton, Alberta, is going ahead with a US\$75 million facility to convert **municipal waste into electricity**. Using gasification technologies and a variety of feedstocks, the project's objective is to demonstrate the commercial viability of such a system. Those feedstocks will ultimately include municipal, industrial, agricultural and forestry wastes.
4. The Toronto, Ontario Waterfront Revitalization Corporation is seeking input from the world's most talented and creative **environmental design and engineering** professionals in developing new concepts for the Lower Don Lands area. Approximately five firms or collaborative teams representing a range of different design philosophies will be selected through a Request for Qualifications to participate in an eight-week design competition. For details, visit: Toronto Waterfront.
5. Numerous **water treatment plant modifications and upgrades** are announced regularly across Canada. Sourcing these projects can be a challenge for U.S. companies that do not have some type of Canadian representation. To find out more about these projects and ways of being kept up to date, please contact: Richard.Vinson@mail.doc.gov
6. Now available from the U.S. Commercial Service: listing of important **Canadian environmental events/shows for 2007**. This 7 page listing details those events that are either known or expected to be the most significant for the promotion of U.S. environmental goods and services in the Canadian marketplace. Most of the content is based on our own, first hand experience at these events and includes information not available elsewhere. For a copy of this report, please e-mail Richard.Vinson, National Environmental Sector Coordinator for Canada.

7. A **landfill gas, generation project** is planned for Brantford, Ontario. This Request for Proposals (RFP) is to invite Proponents to submit a proposal to design, build, operate and maintain a facility at the Mohawk landfill site. A site visit is required on January 10, and the last date to submit is Jan 31, 2007.
8. Victoria, the capital city of British Columbia, has issued a call for Expressions of Interest for an "innovative" **wastewater treatment system**. Currently, raw sewage is being pumped directly into the Pacific Ocean. Plans will be for a volume typical of 300,000 people initially with the potential for growth to 400,000-person capacity. Closes Jan. 31, 2007.
9. Canada requires between US\$7 and \$11 billion to replace and upgrade **wastewater treatment** infrastructure according to the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME). A new initiative was launched by the CCME in December 2006 to evaluate options for a Canada-wide strategy. See: <http://www.ccme.ca/about/consultation.html>
10. The **Sydney tar ponds** project (Nova Scotia) is finally expected to move ahead in 2007. Although major decisions are still pending, the US\$344 million dollar project is expected to provide opportunities for local, national and international companies. See: <http://www.tarpondscleanup.ca/>
11. U.S. environmental companies attempting to enter or expand in the regional market of **Quebec** should consider participating in the 2007 edition of **AMERICANA**. Various services for U.S. companies will be available c/o the U.S. Commercial Service, Canada, including the provision of advance contact lists; completing special promotional mailings; and arranging on-site partnering with potential representatives in the Quebec market. Contact Richard.Vinson@mail.doc.gov for details.

For more information on the Canadian environmental market and on this newsletter:

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