

Climate Action News **this week**

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A Week in Review...

Albertans support Moratorium on New Oil Sands Development

Seventy-one per cent of Albertans believe that the Government of Alberta should suspend new oil sands approvals until infrastructure and environmental management issues have been addressed in areas affected by oil sands development. This is the striking conclusion of a new opinion poll commissioned by the Pembina Institute.

Read the full press release and backgrounder:
http://pubs.pembina.org/reports/Poll_Env_mediaBG_Final.pdf

Alberta skies lose in special deal with oil sands

Environment Canada projects a 60% rise in emissions of volatile organic compounds and a 5% increase in nitrous oxides from the oil sands by 2015. Every other sector of heavy industry in Canada will be required to achieve cuts in levels of the same pollutants.

Read the full CP article:
<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/LAC.20070508.ROILSANDS08/TPStory/Environment>

May 7-18 UN climate change meetings in Bonn

The spotlight of the world is on Bonn, Germany as Parties to the UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol meet to discuss the global effort to fight climate change.

Read CAN International's newsletter published on site at the negotiations at :
<http://www.climatenetwork.org/eco/>

Manitoba Hydro held to account by Minnesota Legislature

May 8th: The Governor of Minnesota signed an amendment to Minnesota law that requires Manitoba Hydro to account for several impacts to the environment and indigenous nations covered by the Northern Flood Agreement.

Read more: <http://manitobawildlands.org/>

Action Alert

Dear Prime Minister Harper: DO THE RIGHT THING!

Prime Minister Harper's Clean Air Act has been called "embarrassing" by David Suzuki and "a complete fraud" by Al Gore. What's more, Canada has been undermining international negotiations to stop climate change, receiving an international "award" for the worst country in the world on climate change last year. This is not what Canada is all about, and it has to stop. Let's send Prime Minister Harper an avalanche of messages.

Go to: <http://www.avaaz.org/en/harperdothertthing/>

Send your own message and the link to least 10 other people

Inside Ottawa...

Trying to save the *Clean Air and Climate Change Act*

Government is refusing to reintroduce the Clean Air and Climate Change Act (Bill C-30) to the House for a vote but has the NDP found a way to revive the bill anyway?

Read the full article: <http://www.thehilltimes.ca/html/index.php>

Public Support for Canada's Clean Air and Climate Change Act more important than ever.

It is time to turn up the volume on calls to bring the amended version of C-30 back to the House for a vote. Send this letter to the feds and circulate the link far and wide. If passed Bill C-30 would commit Canada to finally making real

progress on this crucial issue – but it needs our support. Now's the time to make our government listen.

Get Involved: <http://www.greenpeace.org/canada/en/campaigns/yourchance>

Send your own message and then pass the link to at least 10 other people!

Heads UP!

Parliamentary Schedule

House of Commons: May 1-18th, 28th-31st. June 1-8th (optional sitting 11th-22nd), summer recess until September 17th.

Senate: May 1-18th, 28th-31st. June 1st-29th, summer recess until September 17th.

Is your organization releasing a report? Do you want to publicize an upcoming event? Announce it through the Climate Action News! Send your details to Andrew at adumbrille@climateactionnetwork.ca