

# Climate Action News **this week**

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## **A Week in Review...**

### **Shareholders demand action on global warming**

ExxonMobil shareholders concerned about climate change are encouraging investors to vote in favor of two climate change shareholder proposals (#15 & #17 on the Exxon proxy) and to vote against the re-election of Stanford professor Michael Boskin. Boskin is chair of the Exxon Mobil board committee responsible for Exxon Mobil's climate change policy....

Read the full proposal: <http://www.incr.com/index.php?page=17>

### **Environment Minister John Baird Exempts Colossal Refinery Development From EIA**

Following close on the heels of Environment Minister John Baird's decision to exempt industry from hard caps on greenhouse gas emissions, the Minister has exempted the first Canadian oil refinery to be built since global warming became a concern, from assessment under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act.

Read more:

[http://www.conservationcouncil.ca/archives/2007/archive2007\\_refinery\\_EIA\\_Baird\\_2.html](http://www.conservationcouncil.ca/archives/2007/archive2007_refinery_EIA_Baird_2.html)

## **Action Alert**

### **Support Kyoto PM Harper!**

Public support for the Kyoto Protocol is higher than ever. So why is Prime Minister Harper defying the will of the public by refusing to meet Canada's Kyoto targets?

You can help ensure Canada meets its targets by signing the Sierra Club petition today. Let Prime Minister Harper know you expect him to create and implement a credible plan to meet Canada's 2012 Kyoto target and that you want him to save Canada's reputation on the world stage by returning Canada to the UN negotiating table now.

Read more: <http://www.sierraclubaction.ca/main.html>

### **Canada's Clean Air and Climate Change Act needs your help!**

It's not too late to make a difference on this! We will be able to force the government to bring the bill forward for a vote if we act now.

Read more: [www.vtacc.org](http://www.vtacc.org)

### **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. Arnold Schwarzenegger's environmental advisor said "Our (Canada and the US) federal governments are asleep at the switch." 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 and slowing negotiations this year with demands for more study. 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/harperdotherightthing/>

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

## **Inside Ottawa...**

### **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>

## **Heads UP!**

### **Arnie comes to Canada**

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger will be in Ottawa May 29th, Toronto May 30th and Vancouver May 31<sup>st</sup> to promote California high-tech companies in the green and biotechnology sectors.

### **G8 Meeting in Germany**

June 6-8, 2007

This is a critical meeting for laying the ground for post 2012 negotiations in Vienna and Bali.

Read about US efforts to obstruct progress at:

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/LAC.20070522.CLIMATE22/TPStory/TPInternational/America/>

Read host Germany's meeting agenda at:

<http://www.g-8.de/Content/EN/Artikel/2007/03/Anlagen/2007-03-01-g8-schlaglichter-en,property=publicationFile.pdf>

### **Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Conserving Forests: Approaches to Stimulate Action**

June 13 & 14, 2007

University of Toronto – Faculty of Forestry

The David Suzuki Foundation, Conservation International, Canadian Boreal Initiative, Institute of Environment at the University of Ottawa, and the University of Toronto will be hosting a two-day workshop, June 13 & 14, for climate and wilderness NGOs and First Nations on the science and policy of reducing greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in the Canadian boreal and tropics.

More info: Autumn O'Brien, [aobrien@davidsuzuki.org](mailto:aobrien@davidsuzuki.org), 604-732-4228 x 271

**Job Opportunity: Executive Director.**

**Climate Action Network Canada (CAN-RAC)** is seeking a visionary professional for the position of Executive Director to provide leadership for the network and organization. Closing date: June 11th 2007

Read the full job description at: <http://www.climateactionnetwork.ca/e/job-posting-ed-2007.html>

**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.

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