

Climate Action News **this week**

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A Week in Review...

Alberta Government has Head Stuck in Tar Sands, says Sierra Club of Canada

With the recent release of the Oil Sands Consultation Final Report both government and industry representatives support an out of control pace of development and inadequate environmental protection for the Tar Sands.

Read the full press release:

<http://www.sierraclub.ca/national/media/item.shtml?x=1339>

Environment top of mind for Ontario voters

In a poll conducted by Environics Research on behalf of 13 leading environmental organizations, the environment was identified by Ontario voters as the number one most important issue to them personally in determining who to vote for.

Read the full WWF-Canada news release at:

<http://wwf.ca/NewsAndFacts/NewsRoom/default.asp?section=archive&page=display&ID=1548&lang=EN>

Renewable is Doable

A new report, Renewable is Doable, confirms that smart, targeted investments in a diverse array of energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions for Ontario over the next twenty years will achieve major cuts in greenhouse gas emissions, accelerate the closure of our highly-polluting coal plants, and avoid the need for new nuclear investments.

Read more: <http://www.voteforcleanenergy.ca/>

Let's get Political!

Here's Greenpeace's top five tips for getting political for the environment:

<http://www.greenpeace.org/canada/en/campaigns/greenpeace-s-top-five-tips-for-3>

US Matters

Check out the White House's power point description of goals and objectives for the major emitters (now called "major economies") summit to be held in the US this fall.

A number of the "principles" put forward by the US are contrary to the UNFCCC/Kyoto/Bali objectives and aim to torpedo the world wide movement to fight climate change. For instance: Bottom-up, sector based approaches are the most effective--NOT; Advanced clean energy technology is key to achieving objectives--NOT; National/regional strategies are most realistic--NOT.

Have a look at the document:

<http://www.climateactionnetwork.ca/e/issues/bush-climate-change-summit.html>

Action Alert

Send a letter by August 11th to prevent the delay of Ontario's coal phaseout

The Ontario McGuinty government originally promised during the last provincial election to phase out all coal generation by 2007. That promise was subsequently betrayed by delaying the phaseout to 2009. This promise was in turn abrogated with a delay until 2014, as part of the government's climate change announcement in June 2007.

Under Ontario's Environmental Bill of Rights, there are 30 days (until August 11, 2007) to comment on a draft regulation by the Ontario government to delay the phaseout of coal-fired electricity generation until December 31, 2014.

To view a sample letter and for more information:

<http://www.greenpeace.org/canada/en/campaigns/climate-and-energy/take-action/coal-action-alert-ontario>

Sign this petition and tell Harper to implement Kyoto now!

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?

Sign the petition: <http://www.sierraclubaction.ca/main.html>

So Others Might Eat: The Climate Emergency Fast

On September 4th, give up food for a day, and send a powerful message on global warming.

As global warming rapidly intensifies, the prospect of much more extensive hunger worldwide becomes increasingly likely, especially in poor countries, due to drought, Katrina-like storms, glacial melting and sea level rise.

To draw attention to this threat and its moral implications, the US Climate Emergency Council is calling for volunteers to give up food for one day on September 4th, 2007.

More info:

http://www.climateemergency.org/joomla/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=65&Itemid=192

Inside Ottawa....

Maybe an election isn't that far off after all.....Read Tom Flanagan's (a former Conservative campaign manager) take on how the conservatives will engine a trip to the polls sooner rather than later.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20070801.wcoflanagan01/BNStory/National/home>

Looking Ahead....

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8 – Council of the Federation—Chair of the Council of the Federation, New Brunswick Premier Shawn Graham will host other premiers at this summer meeting. August 8-10. Hotel Beauséjour, Moncton, N.B.

For more details please visit www.gnb.ca/cf.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25 — NDP MPs will gather in Montreal from Aug. 25 to 27 for their annual summer caucus retreat.

AUGUST 26 — US National Remembrance of Hurricane Katrina

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28 — Federal Liberal Caucus meeting—The Liberal Party holds its summer caucus meeting. Aug. 28-30. The Fairmont Hotel, St. John's, Nfld. For more information, please call 613-783-8400.

August 27 to 31 — Intersessional: AWG 4 and the Dialogue 4, , Vienna, Austria
The fourth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG 4) and the fourth workshop under the dialogue on long-term cooperative action to address climate change by enhancing implementation of the Convention will take place at the Austrian Center Vienna (ACV), Vienna, Austria on 27-31 August 2007.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10 — Ontario Provincial Election
www.electionsontario.on.ca