

# Climate Action News this week

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## **September 20<sup>th</sup> deadline fast approaching.....Let the government know you want them to produce a plan to meet Kyoto**

We've launched a new site [www.TakeRealAction.ca](http://www.TakeRealAction.ca). We've gotten this site up and running as fast as we could to allow people like YOU to respond during the short public comment period to the governments' dismal report on how it will (not) meet Kyoto.

Please take the time to do this. The deadline for public comment is September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The government needs to hear how outrageous it is that they've walked away from their legal Kyoto obligations without even trying.

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

### **Sustainable High Schools Project**

The Sustainable High Schools Project is a youth-driven initiative created to support high school communities in envisioning, assessing and improving their school's level of sustainability. The project aims to empower students to bring together their peers, staff, administrators and parents in making their high school communities models of sustainability.

Read more: <http://www.syc-cjs.org/tiki-index.php>

## **Cut Emissions Now or Polar Bears Will Disappear, Scientists Warn**

A new US Government report on the fate of polar bears in a world of rapid climate change predicts disaster for one of the world's most charismatic species, WWF-Canada said today.

Read more:

<http://wwf.ca/NewsAndFacts/NewsRoom/default.asp?section=archive&page=display&ID=1553&lang=EN>

## **Ontario Election Climate Watch**

Polling shows the environment and stopping global warming is a top concern for Canadians. This Ontario election is the time to make it a top priority for politicians. Here's one way how...

GET A "VIRTUAL" LAWNSIGN

It's environmentally responsible -- no paper, plastic, metal frame, driving around or disposal. It's easy – it's electronic. It's edgy – and non-partisan. It sends a clear signal that you want clean, climate-friendly energy to be a priority for all political parties.

Available at [www.voteformcleanenergy.ca](http://www.voteformcleanenergy.ca)

*Electricity Plan will Short-Circuit all Parties' Climate Goals*

Environmentalists said that the electricity plan submitted to the Ontario Energy Board two weeks ago will not achieve the level of greenhouse gas reductions necessary for any of the four major parties to achieve the climate change targets they've put into their platforms. The groups, who have put forward an alternative plan, have written to party leaders challenging them to tell voters what they would do to improve the plan so that their own climate goals can be met.

Read more:

<http://wwf.ca/NewsAndFacts/NewsRoom/default.asp?section=archive&page=display&ID=1554&lang=EN>

## **Federal Government Dodging Responsibility for Environmental Impacts of Oil Sands**

Environmental groups are calling on the federal government to make public its plans for addressing the rapidly-increasing environmental impacts of oil sands development.

Read more: <http://www.pembina.org/media-release/1519>

## **Adopt-an-MP Campaign – Save the Climate: an Action Guide**

Join Canada's youth in adopting a local Member of Parliament to educate them about climate change and help them reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

Read more: <http://www.ourclimate.ca/main/resources/adopt.pdf>

## **US Matters**

### **Court Rejects Auto Lobby's Can't Do Attitude**

WASHINGTON, DC — Phyllis Cuttino, director of the Pew Campaign for Fuel Efficiency, welcomed the federal ruling rejecting the auto industry's attempt to block California and 14 other states from setting meaningful new fuel economy standards.

"..... ruling shows that the only ones who don't believe in the U.S. auto industry are the U.S. auto industry.

Read more: <http://www.net.org/proactive/newsroom/release.vtml?id=29250>

## **Inside Ottawa....**

### **Government says it won't reintroduce Clean Air Act**

Government House Leader Peter Van Loan says Bill C-30 'doesn't resemble a bill that we recognize' and doesn't help the environment.

Read more: <http://www.thehilltimes.ca/html/index.php>

## **NDP to put climate change law back on agenda**

NDP Environment critic Nathan Cullen (Skeena-Bulkley Valley) served notice on Tuesday that he will re-table the Clean Air and Climate Change Act – a bill that will die when Parliament is prorogued – as a private Member's bill upon Parliament's return in mid-October.

Read more: <http://www.ndp.ca/page/5703>

## **Looking Ahead....**

September 24<sup>th</sup> UN High Level summit in New York on Climate Change.  
<http://www.un.org/climatechange/2007highlevel/index.shtml>

September 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> US 'major emitters' meeting in Washington DC.

October 10 Ontario Provincial Election [www.electionsontario.on.ca](http://www.electionsontario.on.ca)