



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 November 1, 2006. 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 significant new policies directed to increasing wine and spirit bottle returns from their Liquor Control Board outlets. This **glass-recycling** program will help divert about 25,000 to 30,000 additional tonnes of glass from landfill - equivalent to about 80 million bottles. This will go into effect, February 1, 2007.
2. The US Commercial Service in Canada is offering customized programs for U.S. Companies at the [Canadian Solid Waste & Recycling Expo](http://www.buyusa.gov/canada/en/cwre.html) in Toronto, November 29-30, 2006. See: <http://www.buyusa.gov/canada/en/cwre.html>.
3. The county of Dufferin, Ontario has issued a Request for Qualifications for the thermal treatment of 200,000 metric tonnes annually of **municipal solid waste**. The RFQ is due Dec. 14, 2006. The complete RFQ document is available from USCSHalifax.
4. Victoria, the capital city of British Columbia, has issued a call for Expressions of Interest for the "innovative" treatment of their **waste water** which is currently being pumped raw 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.
5. Early reactions from many quarters to the new, federal government's **Clean Air Act** have been less than positive. Although full details have yet to be fleshed out, the Act will almost certainly lead to an increase in the need for expanded **air monitoring** - likely a plus for manufacturers of analysis equipment.
6. **Ontario's Clean Water Act** is close to being enacted, leading the way for widespread, regulatory reform that is expected to affect all types of new and upgraded infrastructure in that province. U.S. suppliers will need to be alert to changes in standards for Ontario that will likely affect the water distribution system from source to tap.
7. The U.S. Commercial Service is working with the American Water Works Association (AWWA) to provide special services to U.S. companies (exhibitors and delegates) planning to attend **ACE07 in Toronto, June 24-28**. As a lead up to that event, exhibitors should consider our upcoming **free webinar** that will examine the do's and don'ts of bringing trade show booths and materials into Canada. See: <http://www.buyusa.gov/canada/en/cbsaw.html>

8. New Canada Wide Standards (CWS) are in the works for **mercury capture** from power plants and other emitters. Changes in the CWS inevitably lead to the need for new and/or upgraded pollution control equipment along with more finely tuned monitoring and analysis systems.

9. **Waste water** effluent standards for municipalities are being examined across all Canadian jurisdictions. One of the goals will be to achieve closer harmonization of standards, since, presently, each province has its own regulations.

10. The province of Manitoba has allocated just over US\$61 million for **mine site rehabilitation**. The funds will address the security and environmental health concerns associated with the 149 orphaned and abandoned mines around the province.

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

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