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Government reports progress on climate change

WHITEHORSE— Six years after developing the *Climate Change Action Plan*, the majority of the 33 government actions are either completed or ongoing, Environment Minister Wade Istchenko announced today.

"The *2015 Climate Change Action Plan Progress Report* released today tells the story of a government that recognizes the magnitude of changes to our northern climate and our willingness to respond in a coordinated, informed, and timely manner," Istchenko said.

The *2015 Climate Change Action Plan Progress Report* includes updates on existing commitments, provides information on actions taken beyond the original commitments and details new actions and initiatives to help achieve the government's existing goals. In moving toward achieving its greenhouse gas reduction targets, the government:

- Reduced approximately 538 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions resulting from energy audits and retrofits to existing Yukon government buildings,
- Produced an estimated 10 terajoules of renewable heat energy each year through the biomass heating system at Whitehorse Correctional, and
- Will use approximately 28% less energy than a comparable standard build at the new FH Collins school.

Additional projects completed to date include:

- Completing energy audits on seven government buildings and implementing energy conservation measures;
- Implementing a policy which provides the opportunity for residential and commercial electricity customers to generate electricity from renewable energy sources and sell surplus electricity to the grid; and
- Expanding our adaptation efforts to include over nine important subject areas including transportation infrastructure, emergency planning, forests, and agriculture response to permafrost thaw.

Learn more:

Climate Change Action Plan Progress Report 2015

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