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Government reports progress on its climate change commitments

WHITEHORSE—Seventeen of the 33 priority actions called for in the Yukon Government *Climate Change Action Plan* have been completed, with the remaining actions either ongoing or under development, Environment Minister Currie Dixon announced today.

"The Government of Yukon recognizes that climate change poses opportunities as well as serious challenges to our environment and our unique quality of life," Dixon said. "We are undertaking a wide range of actions and research to help ensure our economy, quality of life, and environment continue to thrive despite our changing climate."

Detailed information about work to date is set out in the *Climate Change Action Plan Progress Report* released today by the Yukon government's Climate Change Secretariat.

"The scientific research being undertaken to better understand the effects of our changing climate, and the technology being developed to help us adapt to these changes will provide lasting benefits to Yukon," Dixon added.

Progress made since the action plan was released in early 2009 includes:

- Establishing the Yukon Research Centre at Yukon College;
- Investing over \$4 million in 14 climate change adaptation research projects;
- Creating the water management information service yukonwater.ca and a permafrost inventory at permafrost.gov.yk.ca;
- Determining the Yukon government's 2010 greenhouse gas emission levels, the first step in reducing emissions from government operations by 20 per cent of 2010 levels by 2015; and
- Setting sector-specific greenhouse gas emission targets for Yukon.

The Yukon government remains committed to managing emissions across Yukon and will ensure Yukon-wide emissions information is reported regularly and accurately, along with progress on other climate change priority actions.

The progress report is available online at www.env.gov.yk.ca/progressreport.

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