

RCEN E-Bulletin – August 13, 2008 Edition

Network News

A Meeting with the Minister

This past Monday, the RCEN's Executive Director, Susan Tanner and Assistant Executive Director, Emile Jr Massenat, had an opportunity to meet with the Honourable John Baird, Minister of the Environment, at his office in Ottawa.

The meeting was a positive step in strengthening the relationship between the RCEN and Environment Canada, and allowed the RCEN to reiterate its commitment to representing Canadian environmental organizations and to being a strong non-partisan voice for the environment.

Call for Delegates

Approach to Air Pollutants under the Regulatory Framework for Air Emissions (RFAE)
Consultation Event

The RCEN has been invited by Environment Canada and Alberta Environment to select 19 NGO delegates for a consultation event on the approach to air pollutants under the RFAE, to facilitate communication between stakeholders participating in the work of the Tripartite Group and the broader communities of health and environmental NGO stakeholders. The consultation event will take place on August 26 in Ottawa and by teleconference call. **The deadline for applications is this Thursday, August 14, 2008.** Please note that stakeholder support and reimbursement will be provided for this meeting. [Click here to read the full Call for Delegates ...](#)

Resources

Release of Sustainable Community Development Presentation

"The Power and Hope of Sustainable Community Development" is a 27 minute multimedia presentation examining the need for and benefits of development which is socially and environmentally sustainable. Developed by Harmony Foundation, its purpose is to motivate and inform audiences through powerful community success stories from around the world. Harmony Foundation promotes socially and environmentally sustainable community development for urban and rural communities by creating and providing educational programs and materials for students, educators, and community leaders. **To obtain a copy of *The Power and Hope of Sustainable Community Development* and to learn more about the foundation, please visit www.harmonyfdn.ca/powerandhope.**

Events

Planet in Focus Film & Video Festival

This year's Planet in Focus Festival, which promotes and showcases films and videos in all forms, focusing on environmental themes and subjects by Canadian and international filmmakers, will be held in Toronto, Ontario, from October 22-26. The festival organizers are currently looking to develop as many relationships as they can with social and environmental non-profit

organizations. Groups can partner with the festival by purchasing tickets for their members, co-presenting films that relate to their cause and more. Over 5,000 film and environmental industry members, concerned citizens, and film lovers attend screenings at this annual festival. **For more information on this event and for details on how you can become a part of it, please visit planetinfoocus.org/partnering.**