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DID YOU KNOW?

In 2005, Ontario's municipalities and Industrial, Commercial & Industrial sector produced approximately 13.3 million tonnes of waste.

Recent CIELAP Publications

[Multi-Stakeholder Workshop to Develop an Appropriate Policy Framework for Nanotechnology](#)

On March 16, 2007 CIELAP assembled members from a cross-section of perspectives, including government, industry, non-profits, and academics, to discuss how to move towards an appropriate policy framework for Nanotechnology, a technology that cuts across much of CIELAP's efforts in understanding the effects of new and developing technology. Out of the discussions and based on additional research CIELAP Senior Policy Analyst Susan Holtz prepared a [Discussion Paper](#) on a Policy Framework for Nanotechnology.

[Ontario's Waste Management Challenge – Is Incineration an Option](#)

On March 26, 2007 CIELAP proudly released **Ontario's Waste Management Challenge – Is Incineration an Option** written by CIELAP's Research Director Maureen Carter-Whitney. This paper provides background and context for the incineration debate in Ontario by setting out the advantages and disadvantages of incineration technologies; reviewing current and proposed regulations relating to municipal solid and hazardous waste; and discussing the place of incineration within the context of a waste management hierarchy. The paper concludes with a policy perspective on incineration and 11 recommendations for Ontario.

Have Your Say!

Have you read our publications? What did you think?

Let us know how we're doing.

Email us at cielap@cielap.org to have your say!

Environment in the Media

On March 28, 2007 the Canadian Press published a story and comments made by Premier Dalton McGuinty, who joined the incineration debate arguing that burning garbage to create energy could be a solution to overloaded landfill sites and Ontario wants to be ahead of the pack in developing incineration technology.

New Democrat critic Peter Tabuns stated, "This premier is caught up with convenience in dealing with a problem and is not interested in sustainability or dealing with climate change."

The article reported CIELAP's position that ``waste management needs to be led not by technology, but by a strong comprehensive waste-management policy framework . . . and we're hoping it would reflect a strong emphasis on waste reduction and diversion."

As the incineration debate grows so will the opinions. Visit our [pressroom](#) for more media highlights.

Upcoming Knowledge Cluster Meetings

[**Incineration of Municipal Solid Waste Knowledge Cluster Meeting – Thursday April 26 2007, 5:30 – 7:30**](#)

At this knowledge cluster, we will discuss the recommendations of CIELAP's report [Ontario's Waste Management Challenge – Is Incineration an Option?](#). We will also seek feedback from participants and discuss next steps to pursue as we continue to encourage the provincial government to address waste issues in a more comprehensive manner. **Maureen Carter-Whitney, CIELAP Research Director** and author of the report, will lead this knowledge cluster meeting.

Appropriate Policy Framework for Nanotechnology – End of May (Date TBD)

In March 2007 CIELAP held a multi-stakeholder workshop to discuss an appropriate framework for nanotechnology. **Susan Holtz, Senior Policy Analyst** and author of the [discussion paper](#) on this topic, will use the May Knowledge Cluster Meeting to seek input from participants and expand on the discussion.

Please RSVP Carolyn at cielap@cielap.org or 416-923-3529 ext.26 if you are planning to attend either of these meetings. They will be held at the CIELAP office - 130 Spadina Ave. Suite 305.

Past Events

CIELAP has partnered with the National Film Board to present a new screening series: **Green Screens**. On April 16, 2007 the first screening of this series featured '**Refugees of the Blue Planet**' – winner of the Best Canadian Long Form Film – Planet in Focus Festival.

Following the film a discussion took place between Lawson Hunter, journalist, writer and renewable energy supporter; Danny Harvey, professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Toronto and an expert on the impacts of climate change; and Mary Jo Leddy, director of Romero House for Refugees.

Stay tuned for the next screening – '**Manufactured Landscapes**' - on Monday May 28th at 7:00 pm at the National Film Board. [Visit our website for more details.](#)

Law and Policy in Ontario – Opportunities for you to Comment

The Ontario Government wants your comments on a number of proposals:

A Review of Ontario's Species at Risk legislation: The Ontario government is undertaking a review and update of the province's species at risk legislation to provide for broader protection and recovery of species at risk and their habitats. Written comments are accepted until **April 19, 2007**.

Bill 198 - Safeguarding and Sustaining Ontario's Water Act, 2007: Implementing the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement. Written comments are accepted until **May 3, 2007**.

Proposal to amend Ontario Regulation 419/05: Air Pollution – Local Air Quality under the Environmental Protection Act: The Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) is proposing to amend Ontario Regulation 419/05: Air Pollution - Local Air Quality (O. Reg. 419/05) to introduce new or updated standards for 15 substances. Comments may be made until **May 7, 2007**.

Regulations under the Clean Water Act: Draft regulations that provide the details needed to get local source protection planning started are available on the Environmental Registry. Written comments will be accepted until **May 12, 2007**.

Canada-Ontario Agreement Respecting the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem (COA): Canada and Ontario have negotiated a draft 2007 COA that has been posted for public comment until **May 16, 2007**.

Revised Statement of Environmental Values, Ministry of Government Services and Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs: The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs has made proposed changes to its Statement of Environmental Values, and these changes are available for review and comment on the Environmental Registry. Comments may be made until **May 17, 2007**

Update of Brownfield Soil and Ground Water Standards: The Ontario Ministry of the Environment is considering an update of the document entitled "Soil and Ground Water and Sediment Standards for Use Under Part XV.1 of the Environmental Protection Act" (Site Condition Standards) published by the Ministry and dated March 9, 2004, which is part of Ontario Regulation 153/04. Comments may be made until **May 22, 2007**.

Water Conservation Charges Proposal: The Ministry of the Environment is proposing a new charge designed to recover some of the costs of provincial water management programs. The purpose of this posting is to consult on the details of the proposed charge. Written comments may be made until **June 4, 2007**.

Seeking Volunteer - Administrator

CIELAP is looking for a mature individual who would like to help us with administrative support. Responsibilities include helping us clean and refine processes for our listserv and contact management database; managing the listserv and contact management database, helping to prepare our newsletters, paper filing and organizing, and other responsibilities based on your interests. We are seeking a commitment of around 1 day per week. A full description of the position can be found on [the CIELAP website](#). Please circulate this request if you know of someone who may be interested in joining our team.

CIELAP's Recent Surveys

Many of you received and completed one of two surveys that we sent out in March – relating either to the improvement of CIELAP's Service Quality or the quality of our newsletter and website. Thank you to all those who completed one of these surveys. Your feedback is currently being considered and we hope to make improvements to our website, newsletters, and services as a result of your input.

Make a Difference

CIELAP is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to make a difference and impact the environmental agenda in Canada. Our vision is to have a world in which basic human rights include a safe and healthy environment achieved through respect for, and preservations of nature's integrity and diversity.

Make a difference; help advance the agenda that impacts tomorrow!

Visit CIELAP's website to make a charitable donation:

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