



Environment UPDATE

Public Consultation Meetings

Public to Meet DOE

In the past the workings of government tended to be somewhat removed from the eyes of the public. Times have changed, and governments have realised the value of broad consultation during the early stages of new initiatives. This September marks the initiation of my department's annual consultation meetings with the public.

Consultation is not new to the Department of the Environment. Throughout our relatively short history we have used consultation extensively in a variety of activities. What is new is our Policy for Public Consultation and Information Availability, and our commitment to meet with the public on a regular basis as outlined in the policy statement.

The department's first annual headquarters public consultation meeting will be held in Ottawa from September 21 to 23, 1982. Following an agenda developed with input from the public, this meeting will focus on a broad range of priority environmental issues, and will include plenary discussions on the future directions of the Department of the Environment.

Besides the Ottawa headquarters meeting, others that will focus on regional issues are being scheduled throughout Canada.

Response to the meetings to date has been good. The input received and the interactions established between those represented will have a significant influence on the department's activities.

The success of our efforts in public consultation depends upon your participation. Since our consultation policy is

still in its infancy, now is the time to become actively involved in DOE's public consultation process. The tasks facing the Department of the Environment are monumental, and to accomplish our objectives we shall need the cooperation of all Canadians.

John Roberts
Minister



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Public Consultation Meetings Fall 1982

This issue gives details of Environment Canada's first annual public consultation meetings, including the agenda of the Ottawa headquarters meeting. Note that this allows you to discuss additional topics of special interest to you, besides those initially listed. Don't miss this opportunity to influence government's policies and programs.

Headquarters Meeting — 1982

In October 1981, Canada's Minister of the Environment, the Honourable John Roberts, announced Environment Canada's new Policy for Public Consultation and Information Availability.

As one important aspect of this policy, Environment Canada's first annual headquarters public consultation meeting will take place in Ottawa on September 21, 22 and 23, 1982.

This spring, in the Environment Week '82 special issue of Environment Update, the public was invited to participate in setting the agenda and format for this meeting. Based on your response, the agenda has been developed and appears elsewhere in this issue. You will notice it has been designed so that new topics can be added through advance registration as well as at the meeting itself. In addition, time has been set aside to let you have individual discussions with department officials.

Participating in this meeting will be a broad cross-section of the Canadian environmental community, including public interest groups, industrial and business organizations, professional and technical groups, members of the academic community and individual citizens.

Besides the annual headquarters meeting, the Department of the Environment's five regions will be holding meetings focused on issues and concerns of a regional nature. Information on these meetings and the names of regional contact persons can be found on page 4 of this issue.

For additional information on the headquarters annual public consultation meeting, contact:

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Ottawa, Ontario
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Film Festival/Displays

Participants are encouraged to exhibit posters, pamphlets, display panels or other such material at a display area which will be provided at the meeting.

In addition, a film festival is being organized for the evening of September 22.

If you are interested in participating in either the displays or the film festival, please complete the appropriate section of the advance registration form.

Advance Registration and Meeting Kit

Please complete the advance registration form contained in this issue and mail to Gail Turner at the address noted above.

You will be sent a meeting kit which will include background papers and other detailed information on the meeting.

We are organizing a shuttle-bus service between downtown Ottawa and the meeting location at the federal study centre on Heron Road. Please indicate on the advance registration form if you would be interested in such a service.

Proposed Agenda

DOE HEADQUARTERS ANNUAL PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING

September 21-23, 1982
Federal Study Centre
1495 Heron Road, Ottawa, Ontario

Tuesday, September 21

7:00-10:00 p.m. - Registration and reception

Wednesday, September 22

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Plenary session: The Desired Directions

9:00-9:30 a.m. - Opening remarks by meeting chairman,
Jacques Gérin,
Senior Assistant Deputy Minister,
Environment Canada

9:30-10:00 a.m. - DOE Strategic Plan
J.B. Seaborn,
Deputy Minister, Environment Canada

10:00-10:30 a.m. - Coffee

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon - DOE Strategic Plan - Discussion
(continued)

12:00-1:00 p.m. - Lunch break

1:00-5:00 p.m. - Concurrent discussion sessions:

- 1) Acid rain - I
- 2) National parks planning - I
- 3) Weather, climate and man - I
- 4) Canadian water issues - I
- 5) Toxic chemicals
- 6) Forest management and renewal - I
- 7) Other issues

5:00-7:00 p.m. - Dinner break

7:00-10:00 p.m. - Film festival

Thursday, September 23

8:00-9:30 a.m. - Discussion of individual concerns with
department officials

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Concurrent discussion sessions:

- 1) Acid rain - II
- 2) National parks planning - II
- 3) Weather, climate and man - II
- 4) Canadian water issues - II
- 5) Hazardous wastes: the NIMBY ("not in my
backyard") syndrome
- 6) Forest management and renewal - II
- 7) World conservation strategy:
implementation
- 8) Other issues

12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. - Lunch break

1:00-4:00 p.m. - Final plenary session: Reports and the
Way Ahead

1:00-3:00 p.m. - Reports from discussion sessions

3:00-4:00 p.m. - Public consultation: evaluation of
meeting, follow-up and future

Regional Meetings

Public consultation meetings in the five regions of Environment Canada are listed below. More information can be obtained from the regional contacts.

Pacific and Yukon Region

Vancouver, Victoria, Whitehorse: late September
Kamloops, Prince George: October

Recycling and forest management are among the topics proposed for discussion.

Contact: Paul Mitchell
Environment Canada
1001 West Pender Street
Vancouver, V6E 2M7
Tel.: (604) 666-6058

Western and Northern Region

Winnipeg: Sunday, September 12
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tache Room
Hotel Fort Garry

Regina: Sunday, September 19
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Gold Room
Regina Public Library
2311 - 12th Avenue

Yellowknife: Wednesday, September 22
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Northern United Place

Edmonton: Sunday, September 26
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Northern Forest Research
Centre
5320 - 122nd Street

Each meeting will include discussions on the role and jurisdiction of Environment Canada, DOE's strategic plan and various local issues.

Contact: Garth Norris
Environment Canada
804, 9942 - 108 Street
Edmonton, T5K 2J5
Tel.: (403) 420-2540

Ontario Region

Kingston: Thursday, September 9
2:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Queen's University
Room 226, Ellis Hall
University Avenue

London: Tuesday, September 21
2:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Theatre London
Poster Lounge
471 Richmond Street

Sudbury: Thursday, September 23
2:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Cambrian Community College
Conference Centre, Room 4406
1400 Barrydown Road

Toronto: Monday, September 27,
and Tuesday, September 28
2:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Metro Toronto Library
Meeting Room "D"
789 Yonge Street

Evening sessions will feature presentation of briefs, followed by workshops, resolutions and recommendations.

Contact: Heather Mackey
Environment Canada
7th Floor
55 St. Clair Avenue East
Toronto M4T 1M2
Tel.: (416) 966-6406

Quebec Region

Quebec: Saturday, September 11
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Montreal: Saturday, September 18
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

These meetings will highlight Environment Canada's areas of activity in Quebec, and the department's involvement with major environmental issues there.

Contact: Marcelle Girard
Environment Canada
P.O. Box 10 000
Ste. Foy, G1V 4H5
Tel.: (418) 694-7204

Atlantic Region

Halifax: Monday, September 20
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Fredericton: Thursday, September 23
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

St. John's: Monday, September 27
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Charlottetown: Monday, October 4
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Proposed topics include toxic chemicals, hazardous wastes, energy and the environment, environmental impacts of offshore development, and forest management.

Contact: Wayne Eliuk
Environment Canada
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Dartmouth, B2Y 2N6
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Advance Registration Form DOE Headquarters Public Consultation Meeting September 21-23, 1982

Please complete and mail to:

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Ottawa, Ontario
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Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

plans to attend the Department of the Environment's first annual public consultation meeting.

Please check to indicate which of the following sessions you plan to attend:

September 21, 1982, Evening

Reception, registration

September 22, 1982

Plenary Session, a.m.

Concurrent Discussion Sessions, p.m.

Acid rain - I

Planning of national parks - I

Weather, climate and man - I

Canadian water issues - I

Toxic chemicals

Forest management and renewal - I

Others (please specify)

September 23, 1982, a.m.

Concurrent Discussion Sessions

Acid rain - II

Planning of national parks - II

Weather, climate and man - II

Canadian water issues - II

Hazardous wastes - NIMBY

Forest management and renewal - II

World conservation strategy

Others (please specify)

September 23, 1982, p.m.

Plenary Session

Are you interested in using a shuttle bus service between downtown Ottawa and the meeting location on Heron Road?

Yes

No

If yes, please indicate hotel where you will be staying, if known.

Details of Static Display

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Contact person: _____

Type of display (please check):

Poster

Display panels

Handouts

Other (please specify) _____

Special requirements (please specify):

Film Festival Presentation September 22 7.00 p.m.

Contact person: _____

Title: _____

Type of presentation (please check):

Film (16 mm)

Slides

Video tape

Other (please specify): _____

Special requirements (please specify):

For additional information on the display/
film festival, please contact Gail Turner
at the address and phone number indicated
on the reverse of this form.
