



News Release

Nunavut to Benefit from Energy Conservation Initiatives

IQALUIT, Nunavut (October 21, 2005) – A series of measures are being taken by Qulliq Energy Corporation to help Nunavummiut conserve energy and save money, says Energy Minister Edward Picco

“Energy conservation means lower energy bills for the consumer and reduced environmental impacts for future generations,” Picco said. “Qulliq Energy Corporation is taking a proactive role to help keep energy costs down for all Nunavummiut.”

The minister said approval has been given and initial staff hired for the Nunavut Energy Centre.

The centre will provide information and advice to individuals, businesses, municipalities and NGOs on energy conservation and energy efficiency.

As a cost-shared project, the Nunavut Energy Centre will draw on federal government programs, including EnerGuide for Houses, and acts as a resource for Nunavummiut wanting to reduce energy consumption.

The centre is part of a two-pronged energy efficiency approach by Qulliq Energy Corporation.

“Our engineering division will continue with its focus on generation options, including the recent hydro-electric studies announced for Iqaluit,” said Simon Merkosak, Chair of Qulliq Energy Corporation.

“Power in Nunavut is produced by diesel generators. We are looking to displace as much diesel usage as possible. The Iqaluit hydro initiative has the potential to displace up to 30% of the corporation’s diesel use.”

