

## **News Release**

## Minister Announces Recycling Project for Kugluktuk

**Iqaluit, Nunavut** (**July 14, 2008**) – Environment Minister Olayuk Akesuk today announced the launch of another recycling project. This summer the Department of Environment, in conjunction with the Hamlet of Kugluktuk, will be extending the beverage container recycling program to include the community of Kugluktuk.

"This program has been very successful in both Iqaluit and Rankin Inlet," Minister Akesuk said. "It has resulted in more than half a million beverage containers being diverted into recycling, instead of being out in the landfills. This is a great start for Nunavut and I'm pleased to have Kugluktuk added to this program."

Kugluktuk plans to commence their beverage container recycling program operations by July 15. Empty containers will be collected at the Four Bay Garage near the gas station, and then shipped to southern recyclers next summer.

This program will operate on an incentive system similar to deposit-refund system currently operated in other jurisdictions. Residents will receive five cents for each container they return for recycling.

"Recycling in Nunavut presents many unique challenges, particularly with transportation," said Minister Akesuk. "But the success of the programs in Rankin Inlet and Iqaluit, and the launch of a program in Kugluktuk, shows we can succeed."

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