

News Release

Nunavut Joins The Climate Registry

IQALUIT, Nunavut (September 24, 2009) – Premier Eva Aariak and the Honourable Lorne Kusugak, Minister for Energy, today announced Nunavut's participation in The Climate Registry, a non-profit organization that administers an accurate, complete, consistent and transparent greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions measurement system.

"Our government recognizes the urgency of the climate change issue and the importance of systematically tracking GHG emissions", said Aariak. "We are pleased to join all other Canadian jurisdictions that have also made this commitment. This is an important step toward collectively working to mitigate the effects of climate change".

This action follows through on a commitment made by Premiers at the 2007 Council of the Federation to develop consistent and verifiable measurement of GHG emissions by joining The Climate Registry.

"Through initiatives such as joining The Climate Registry, Nunavut continues to honour the importance of environmental stewardship, as set out in our government's vision under *Tamapta/CL^cC*: Building our future together," said Aariak.

Work done related to this voluntary commitment will prove valuable as jurisdictions across the country await release of Canada's regulatory framework for mandatory GHG emission measurement and reduction. It is expected that these federal regulations will be released following the next international climate change negotiations, scheduled for December in Copenhagen, Denmark.

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