

Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Industry Association
Promoting the growth and development of the environmental industry in Newfoundland and Labrador

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NEIA Responds to 2009 Provincial Budget

The Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Industry Association (NEIA) is pleased with the Williams government's continued commitment to and investment in the management of the environment in the province. "In past years, environmental programs would have been among the first casualties in difficult economic times such as currently exist," says David Kiell, Executive Director of NEIA.

NEIA is particularly pleased with the commitment to advancing the province's *Waste Management Strategy* and the *Drinking Water Initiative*. Many of NEIA's member companies have considerable expertise and experience in these areas and look forward to providing advice and innovative solutions.

It is being increasingly accepted that climate change is a reality. Funds allocated to providing knowledge and tools to help communities adapt to the projected consequences of climate change is a forward-looking approach. It is anticipated that the results of this program can be consolidated in the provinces environmental industry sector and marketed nationally and internationally.

Initiatives to improve the energy efficiency of homes and buildings in the province are very positive. NEIA also encourages government to provide funds and incentives to business owners and manufactures to evaluate and reduce their energy use.

NEIA looks forward to working with government officials in the coming weeks to review the details of these and other programs described in the budget and to discuss ways in which the environmental industry sector can contribute to their success.

About NEIA – With more than 150 members, the Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Industry Association (NEIA) is a high-energy organization whose mandate is to promote the growth and development of the province's environment sector through strong leadership, advocacy, educational and training opportunities, and business development initiatives. In its interactions with government bodies, research and educational institutions, and private enterprise, NEIA acts as a common voice for member companies and organizations.

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