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## **NEIA Pleased with DOEC Plans for December 31 Teepee Incinerator Shut Down**

St. John's, NL, April 29, 2008 – The Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Industry Association (NEIA) is very pleased with Department of Environment and Conservation Minister Charlene Johnson's declaration last week that the December 31, 2008 deadline for the closure of the remaining 25 teepee incinerators in the Province remains in effect.

The repercussions of teepee incineration on human health and many aspects of the environment such as animals, birds, fish, plants and edible berries are considerable. The impacts are related to the emissions as well as toxic leachates from the solid waste burned in the process.

The December 31 deadline affords communities still using teepee incineration the opportunity to refine their waste management practices, aided, if need be, by assistance from the Department of Municipal Affairs, until the Waste Management Strategy is fully implemented and these communities can benefit from regional facilities.

NEIA believes that responsible waste management, which is the main component of the new Waste Management Strategy, will encourage all of the province's citizens to become conscientious environmental stewards and innovative recyclers.

NEIA members look forward to assisting with the development of the new paradigm in waste management within the province.

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