

Public Consultation on Waste Reduction and Recovery Program Expansion

YELLOWKNIFE (January 21, 2008) – The launch of public consultation to expand the Waste Reduction and Recovery Program in the Northwest Territories (NWT) was announced today by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Michael Miltenberger.

The consultations will determine what new waste products northerners would like to see recovered and recycled in the NWT. Under the Waste Reduction and Recovery Act (WRRRA) the Government of the Northwest Territories can develop and implement programs to reduce waste and to recycle products and materials.

“We want to build on the success of the Beverage Container Program by asking residents what new waste products they would like to be recovered,” said Minister Miltenberger.

A public discussion document, *To All NWT Residents – Help Decide What New Waste Products to Recycle Across the NWT*, provides information on the benefits of waste reduction and recycling and asks for input and advice on what new products should be added to the territory-wide program. Products under review are waste electronics, tires, lead acid batteries, fuel drums/scrap metal, plastic grocery bags, milk containers, and paper and cardboard.

Results of the consultations will be used to determine what, if any, new waste materials should be collected and recycled in the NWT.

A copy of the discussion paper and a background report can be found on-line at: <http://www.enr.gov.nt.ca>

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