

## NWT Takes Leading Role in Air Quality Monitoring

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*YELLOWKNIFE (June 7, 2006)* - In commemoration of National Clean Air Day, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) Minister Michael Miltenberger unveiled a new website and annual report that make the Northwest Territories a leader in providing up-to-the-minute information about the quality of our air.

Through ongoing partnerships with the Government of Canada and municipalities, the Department has been able to establish and operate a network of state-of-the-art air quality monitoring stations. The Northwest Territories is now ahead of many other jurisdictions in its air quality monitoring network.

The new air quality website provides residents with access to virtually live, real-time air quality information from monitoring stations in Yellowknife, Fort Liard, Norman Wells and Inuvik. In addition, the site provides descriptions of the types of air pollutants measured and will help people to understand what these measurements mean.

“Today, on Clean Air Day in Canada, I invite residents to pause, breathe deeply, remember the importance and value of the air we breathe, and take up the challenge of keeping our clean air – clean,” said Minister Miltenberger.

Visit the air quality website at:

<http://isin.rwed-hq.gov.nt.ca/NWTAQ/NetworkSummary.aspx>

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