

New DVD Promotes the Use of Alternative Energy Technologies in the NWT

YELLOWKNIFE (December 11, 2008) – A DVD promoting the benefits of adopting alternative energy technologies for communities, businesses and residents was released by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Michael Miltenberger today.

“The Alternative Energy Technologies Program is a great opportunity for communities, businesses and residents to save energy, reduce greenhouse gases, other air pollutants and save money,” said Minister Miltenberger. “This DVD captures the environmental and monetary benefits of these technologies and makes them easier to understand.”

The Northwest Territories (NWT) Alternative Energy Technologies Program (AETP) has three funding categories designed to meet the needs of Aboriginal and community governments, GNWT departments, non-profit organizations, businesses, off-grid camps and lodges and NWT residents.

Technologies, such as solar hot water heating systems, photovoltaic (PV) technologies, wind turbines and ground-source heat pumps, are available for funding through the program. NWT residents, businesses and communities can reduce their energy costs through the grants they receive to support local implementation of these technologies.

“Alternative energies, such as solar, wind and biomass provide energy and don’t use fossil fuels,” said Minister Miltenberger. “With the high cost of fuel, energy and operating a business, it makes sense to adopt these alternative energy technologies.”

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