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In October 1998, the GNWT adopted the following official position on climate change. This position was reconfirmed by Executive Council in November 2004.

Climate change is a serious concern that could in future significantly disrupt the global environment, affecting the ability of northerners to lead healthy and productive lives. This potential disruption of our environment compels the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) to support global and local actions to reduce emissions of the greenhouse gases believed to cause enhanced climate change. These global actions include the Kyoto Protocol negotiated under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The GNWT recognizes that it has a responsibility to contribute to this initiative in order to support Canada's position as a leader among nations in protecting the global environment. The government is committed to working with the federal and provincial governments to develop an equitable approach to Canada's international commitment to reduce national emissions to six % below 1990 levels by the year 2013.

Actions in the Northwest Territories to control northern greenhouse gas emissions will be developed in cooperation with a broad range of stakeholders. These actions will be implemented in a manner that reduces the negative impacts on our health and environment, minimizes negative impacts to our economy, and takes advantage of the economic opportunities that will result from the use of more efficient equipment and materials.