

**Natural Resources Canada - Sustainable Development Strategy Questionnaire**

Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) is currently in the process of developing its next Sustainable Development Strategy (SDS) for tabling in Parliament by December 2006. The SDS is a three-year action plan that encompasses the department's policies, programs, legislation, regulation and operations. Based on our experience with past strategies, we would like to focus our efforts and take a more streamlined approach. The SDS will comprise of a few essential, long-term outcomes that clearly define NRCan's contribution to sustainable development, and a limited number of actions and targets in the 3-year planning horizon that will move us towards those outcomes. Please refer to the discussion paper as you complete the questionnaire for guidance on the challenges and draft key results.

**To guide its efforts, NRCan has identified four categories of challenges:**

- Strengthening the foundation for sustainable development
- Greenhouse gas emissions and energy
- Positioning Canada as a world leader on sustainable development
- Demonstrating leadership and commitment to sustainable development in our operations

Do you agree that these challenges are important?      **Yes / No**

Would you suggest any changes or additions to these challenges?      **Yes / No**

If yes, please elaborate:

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Within each of these categories, what do you feel are priority issues to address?

- Strengthening the foundation for sustainable development
- Positioning Canada as a world leader on sustainable development

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To address the challenges, NRCan is proposing three key results to focus its strategy.

- Advance technologies and practices to reduce environmental impacts, strengthen Canada's competitiveness and contribute to sustainable communities
- Position Canada as a world leader in sustainable development
- Create a 'culture of sustainability' within NRCan

Do you think these are the right key results for NRCan to address the challenges? **Yes / No**

Would you suggest any changes to these key results?

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For the final version of the 4<sup>th</sup> Sustainable Development Strategy, NRCan will identify concrete actions that we will undertake to advance the key results and priorities. Given the challenges you feel are most important, please list potential actions you think NRCan should undertake.

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*Thank you. We welcome any additional comments that you may wish to provide.*