

Arctic Energy Fund

The recently announced Arctic Energy Fund of \$400-million (\$40-million per year over ten years beginning in 2018-19) can help address energy security in the territories, especially if it is designed on a “Renewable Energy First” principle. In other words, when replacing old diesel generators or adding power generation capacity, the Fund should ensure that:

- Renewable energy opportunities are considered first;
- Any purchase of new generators is compatible with future renewable energy development (including variable speed generators);
- Community ownership and capacity development is encouraged; and
- Additional investment in renewable energy from the private sector is leveraged.

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Canada’s Blue Action Plan

A proposal to invest in world class science and innovation to ensure we can monitor, assess and act on the full suite of environmental stressors to Canada’s fresh water including legacy, present and emerging chemicals and mixtures posing risks.

Recommended investment:

2018/19 – 2028/9: \$62 million/year

The Green Budget Coalition proposes that the Government of Canada develop and deliver a national water monitoring and action plan that includes dedicated long-term funding for science and scientists, innovation, and operations including robust data collection, access and security. It would be delivered over ten years as a multi-departmental initiative led by Environment and Climate Change Canada.

The GBC specifically recommends:

1. A Comprehensive, National Freshwater Pollutant Monitoring Program delivering robust data and information sharing across multiple federal departments and provincial and territorial counterparts.

2018/19 – 2028/9 – \$20 million/year

2. A Blue Plan Innovation Fund to support development of new and improved tools, models and methods to assess sources and impacts of water pollution.

2018/19 – 2028/9 – \$10 million/year

3. Capital upgrades to ECCC water quality labs and equipment: 2018/19 – 2028/9 – \$2 million/year.

4. Operation/Administration of the Blue Plan programs, strategies and regulatory action.

2018/19 – 2028/9 – \$30 million/year

For more details on this GBC recommendation, see www.greenbudget.ca/2018water.

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