



THE HARPER GOVERNMENT'S ROAD MAP TO FAILURE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The Harper Government's continued foot-dragging on environmental issues and failure to advance the issue of climate change at the G-20 has resulted in no meaningful environmental plan for Canada. Here is a summary of the Conservative's shameful record:

Jan. 2006 - Cut or froze up to **\$6 billion** in environmental programming upon coming into office.

Oct. 5, 2006 - Decided Canada would **not participate in an international carbon market** nor will it use public money to buy carbon credits in lieu of meeting its Kyoto targets.

Oct. 19, 2006 - Tabled Bill C-30 which represents a **complete abandonment** of Canada's international commitment under the Kyoto Protocol.

April 2007 - Tabled a plan that calls for emission reductions of 20 percent below 2006 levels by 2020, and between 50-65 percent by 2050. Every independent analysis of the plan finds that it **lacks the capacity** to meet its own targets.

Dec. 2007 - At the Bali Climate Change Conference, the Harper government is accused of **blocking Kyoto countries** from reaching a renewed agreement on binding targets. The Environment Minister bails on crucial negotiations, while Canadian negotiators **erect**

obstacles to stop the rest of the world from acknowledging the importance of binding targets.

April 2008 - Government announces that climate change regulations will be published in late 2008 and will come into force on Jan. 1, 2010. **This commitment is later abandoned.**

May 2008 - The UN Climate Change Secretariat reportedly says Canada has been notified that it would be investigated for allegedly **violating a Kyoto reporting requirement.**

July 2009 - The World Wildlife Fund's 2009 Climate Scorecard ranks **Canada last** in terms of greenhouse gas emission growth and planned measures to reduce them. Canada's Environmental Commissioner concludes that that the Conservative climate change plan will not come anywhere close to meeting its greenhouse gas reduction targets.

Sept. 2009 - Stephen Harper **fails to show** for a special meeting of world leaders at the United Nations to

discuss climate change, opting instead to conduct a doughnut factory tour.

Dec. 2009 - At the Copenhagen Climate Change Summit, a series of public relations disasters further **embarrasses Canada on the world stage:**

- A leaked Cabinet document reveals how the Conservatives plan to exempt the Oil Sands from GHG reduction targets, and how emissions would actually increase, not decrease.
- Instead of engaging in real action on climate change, the Harper Conservatives receive four consecutive "Fossil of the Day" awards – and are ultimately deemed "Fossil of the Year" with a citation as **the nation leading the obstruction of a climate change agreement.**

March 4, 2010 - Harper Conservatives announce significant amendments to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) in their budget that would give the environment minister power to **exclude thousands of projects** from having to undergo a comprehensive review of their overall impact on ecosystems.

March 31, 2010. The Conservatives **cancel the ecoENERGY program** that allowed Canadians to receive a rebate for greening their homes using energy efficient products and services.



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 - Stephen Harper and the Conservatives
 - Jack Layton and the NDP
 - Elizabeth May and the Green Party

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