

## Natural Resources Canada

Natural resources—our forests, energy, and minerals and metals—are fundamental to the daily lives of Canadians. How Canada harnesses and uses these resources has a significant impact on our global competitiveness, the health of our environment and our overall quality of life. The natural resources sectors and earth sciences industries have been an engine of economic growth and job creation for generations. As a leading exporter of natural resources and resource-based technology and knowledge, Canada contributes to the well-being of people in many countries and promotes the sustainable development of natural resources in today's investment climate. The new global context for natural resources demands that Canada fundamentally adapt, act strategically and challenge itself to maintain and enhance its status as a world leader in sustainable development and management of natural resources.

Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), a department of the Government of Canada, has a mandate to ensure the sustainable development and responsible use of the country's natural resources. NRCan's aim is to strengthen conditions for Canada's economic success, sound environmental leadership, and safety and security. This goal requires working innovatively with our partners to provide a prosperous, sustainable and secure natural resources future for Canadians.

Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) seeks to enhance the responsible development and use of Canada's natural resources and the competitiveness of Canada's natural resources products. We are an established leader in science and technology in the fields of energy, forests, and minerals and metals and use our expertise in earth sciences to build and maintain an up-to-date knowledge base of our landmass.

NRCan develops policies and programs that enhance the contribution of the natural resources sector to the economy and improve the quality of life for all Canadians.

We conduct innovative science in facilities across Canada to generate ideas and transfer technologies. We also represent Canada at the international level to meet the country's global commitments related to the sustainable development of natural resources.

**Our Vision:** Improving the quality of life of Canadians by creating a sustainable resource advantage.

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