

Connections

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Air et émissions: Political hot-air doesn't clean it!

Montréal recently hosted the first post-signing **Kyoto Protocol** conference of ministers on, of all dates, December 7th (remember the Day of Infamy at Pearl Harbour). The battle among unread and unrealistic economists, including from the U.S. (not a signatory) did nothing to address the problem which is the agreement itself. A discriminatory trade pact disguised as an environmental treaty requires emissions roll-backs to 1990 levels by 2012; easy for **Japan**, and the **E.U.** (expanded into smokey Eastern Europe) but impossible for **North America** which was already well along in air clean-up at 1990, and when the G.D.P. was 1/3rd that of the present!

Alberta, on which Canada is banking its economic future, presently accounts for 1/4th of Canada's air pollution. While **Ontario**, ranked #2, and the rest of the country, can struggle impossibly to cut greenhouse gases to 1990 levels, Alberta's exponential growth will prevent Canada from *ever* meeting the 2012 targets. Ottawa knows this but continues in denial, choosing instead to cavort with America's trade adversaries in collective ridicule of U.S. non-participation. Meanwhile, our neighbours to the South have reduced emissions by 45%, v. 2% for Canada during 1995-2003. Laughingly, Environment Minister (and president at the Montréal conference) **Stéphane Dion** dismissed this disparity to Canada's relative economic growth during the period! Growth in respiratory illness among children is just one price Canadians are paying. As a politician, M. Dion did ask the group to meet in March, 2006 to discuss "post-2012" modifications, a sure acknowledgement of impending failure to comply. Canada isn't even in compliance with the 1991 Air Quality Agreement with the U.S.! **Australia** and **China**, among others, for different reasons, also have opted out of Kyoto. Canada will do so when the next government gets real - *and* honest.

Read related "*Transit Natural Gas...*" item, page 2.

JANUARY, 2006

UPcoming Events

S.M.A.R.T. STATES MEETING AND RECEPTION/DINNER

Endorsed and attended by the CanAm Chamber.

Friday, January 5, 2006, 4:00 p.m.
Hotel DuPont, 11th & Market Streets,
Wilmington DE
\$ 60/person, includes dinner

"CTPAT" UPDATE FOR IMPORTERS AND NON-U.S. EXPORTERS

Sponsored by CanAm Member World Trade Center-
Delaware

Wednesday, January 11, 2006, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Small Business Development Center, 1 Innovation Way,
Suite 301, Delaware Technology Park,
Newark DE
\$ 15/person

FREE TRADE IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE CAFTA AND NAFTA

Presented by the U.S. Department of Commerce
with the participation of the Canadian American Chamber of
Commerce

Friday, January 13, 2006, 8:00 a.m.-12 noon
Bucks County Community College, Newtown PA
\$ 35/person

CANADA-U.S. BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES NETWORKING LUNCHEONS

Sponsored by the CanAm Chamber

Monday, January 16, 2006, 12:30 p.m.
Engineers Club, West Mt. Vernon Place,
Baltimore MD
\$ 35/person

Wednesday, January 25, 2006, 12 noon
Racquet Club, 16th and Locust Streets, Philadelphia PA
\$ 35/person

Wednesday, February 1, 2006, 12:00 noon
Croton Reservoir Restaurant,
115 W. 40th Street, New York NY
\$ 35/person

REMEMBER TO VOTE ABSENTEE!

keep these dates

March 7, 2006 - PHILADELPHIA INTL DAY

March 9, 2006 - CENTRAL BANK SERIES - BANK OF CANADA DEPUTY DIRECTOR LUNCHEON

April 6, 2006 - CAN AM CHAMBER LUNCHEON WITH BILL RYAN, PRESIDENT OF TD BANK NORTH, PHILADELPHIA PA *NOTE NEW DATE!*

Canada.U.S.A.Trade-Ops.

TRANSIT NATURAL GAS (NG) THROUGH CANADA, NOT THE PACIFIC. The U.S. Congress, favouring gas transmission by pipeline to the port of Valdez AK, appears afraid of transiting natural gas the *direct* route through western **Canada** where pipelines (and security) are in place. The ostensible excuse is "national security." *Whoa!* Canada is *not* the **Ukraine** which, this week, siphoned NG destined for the **E.U.** in a political retribution over a 4x overnight price-hike from **Russia**. Natural gas is not fungible as is oil. The choice for the **U.S.** is to stay with **NG**, the real deal (which can be reliably pipelined through Canada), not **LNG**, the extra-costly *liquified* version that requires converting facilities, ports, ships, open-ocean and inland waterway sail-ing, offloading and destination storage. Save money and increase security: *Transit through Canada!*

BIO PARTNERING IN NORTH AMERICA: REGISTER FOR THE 4th ANNUAL PROGRAM. Over 85% of Canada's healthcare, agri-food, research and other bio-related organizations will be represented in **Vancouver BC** next month. CanAm Chamber member **BIOTECanada** is sponsoring the three-day event from February 5-7, 2006. To register, go to techvision.com/bpn. For more information about BIOTECanada, contact information appears at the right.

BARRICK GOLD WILL BECOME WORLD'S LARGEST WITH P-D ACQUISITION. Toronto-based **Barrick Gold Corp.** (NYSE: ABX) will acquire Canada's #2 gold producer, **Placer Dome**, Vancouver BC. Barrick will double in revenues to over \$ 4B, surpassing U.S.-based **Newmont Mining** as the largest, with a 17% global market share. **Goldcorp** (NYSE: GG), Vancouver BC will acquire several mines in the Americas, as part of the transaction, for \$ 1.48B.

AIR CANADA OFFERS A "COMFORT ZONE." TWO LOONIES PLEASE! Yes, it is indeed lunacy for those travellers who remember the **Air Canada** of past amenities. Our ex-national carrier is now charging for pillows, and is using the excuse of higher fuel costs. Pillows, apparently in great quantity, add weight to planes. And there's more. Un-accompanied minors are now \$ 60 extra. For babysitting on an average one hour flight, that's pretty dear. Have a carry-on bag? The old limit of 35 kg (77 lbs.) drops to 23 kg (50 lbs.) unless you want to pay \$ 35 for the difference. That's nearly \$3/ kg, or \$6.41/lb. Not chopped meat which, of course, is no longer served. **Amtrak** to the border is looking better!

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