

Monthly Action - Canada's Environment

Description

The Environment has always been important to those who have lived in this Northern land. We have always relied on our water, our air, our soil as a means to survive. This summer our Federal government began our own Canadian austerity measures by cutting Federal jobs. One of the first departments to be held under the axe is Environment Canada, 300 posts are to be eliminated and the Environment Minister Peter Kent, confirmed that as many 776 positions would be affected. Canadian scientific research is being impacted - more than 1/2 of the scientists in the department's Ozone Science Branch have been informed their positions will be affected by downsizing. The Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Sciences is to be closed, that organization funds the majority of climate and atmospheric science in the country. The magazine Nature described the reaction to the changes at Environment Canada's [Ozone Network](#). A protest against the Tar sands and the Keystone pipeline drew hundreds of protestors, with many arrested on Parliament Hill on Monday September 26th. We encourage you to pick at least one action and take part.

Actions

1. Write a letter to your member of parliament to share your thoughts regarding Canada's Environment or contact our Minister of the Environment - [Hon. Peter Kent \(peter.kent@parl.gc.ca\)](mailto:peter.kent@parl.gc.ca) to pass on your thoughts on this matter.
2. Write a letter to [Prime Minister Stephen Harper - \(stephen.harper@parl.gc.ca\)](mailto:stephen.harper@parl.gc.ca) to express your concerns over Keystone Pipeline.
3. Send a global e-mail to all members of parliament that describes why Canada's environment is important to you and your concerns with respect to it's protection.