



Railway bridge at Shchuch'ye crossing the Miass river between the chemical weapons destruction facility and the storage site.

Communications infrastructure projects: Canada has committed \$10 million toward high-priority infrastructure projects at Shchuch'ye. These include:

- the construction of a local warning system for the workers and residents of Shchuch'ye and surrounding communities, which will provide emergency information in the event of a chemical release or incident at the storage or destruction facility;
- a high-speed and secure fibre-optic link between the storage and destruction facilities to provide essential communications between and at both sites.

GREEN CROSS—IZHEVSK PUBLIC OUTREACH AND INFORMATION OFFICE

Canada continues to support the efforts of Green Cross International, which provides information about chemical weapons destruction and facilitates dialogue between Russian officials and citizens—particularly those living and working in the vicinity of Russia's chemical weapons storage and destruction facilities. In February 2007, Canada provided its third annual contribution of US\$100,000 toward the operations of the public outreach and information office in Izhevsk. Izhevsk is the capital of the Udmurt Republic and is in close proximity to the Kizner stockpile.

On July 26, 2006, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for the railway at the chemical weapons destruction facility, Shchuch'ye, Russia.



Allan Poole, underlining the importance of the cooperation with Russia, the US and the UK.



Viktor Kholstov, hammering an inaugural spike.



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