

INDUSTRY

The Government of Canada will expand its energy-audit program to assist industry and businesses to identify and eliminate energy waste. A special industry energy conservation program will be established in the Atlantic region.

TRANSPORTATION

The National Energy Program includes new legislation that will establish mandatory automobile fuel-economy standards, appropriate for Canadian conditions. This will give the motor vehicle industry a basis for design and production in the 1980s.

MUNICIPAL

Municipal affairs are a provincial responsibility in Canada. Some \$20 million has been earmarked for a cooperative program that would combine the two goals of job creation and energy conservation, in Canada's municipalities. The program would involve the establishment of a Municipal Energy Management Program, to aid conservation efforts by municipal governments. The Government of Canada will seek the views of the provincial governments on this proposal.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Energy research and development activities under the National Energy Program will concentrate on three new priorities: liquid fuel supplies, especially alternatives to gasoline; increased efficiency in energy use; and new energy sources and conversion methods, ranging from coal, for which technology must devise environmentally safe uses, and hydrogen, a promising option for the long term.

The continuing nuclear energy research program will place increased emphasis on safe disposal of nuclear wastes.

The Government of Canada expects the oil and gas industry to carry out more of its research in Canada, rather than in the home countries of multi-national corporations. The Petroleum Monitoring Agency will review the industry's activities to ensure there will be significant increases in research and development expenditures.

REGIONAL INITIATIVES

The National Energy Program is for all Canadians. However, the size of the country, the distribution of resources and local concerns require that the National Energy Program take account of regional circumstances.

The Government is particularly concerned to deal immediately with the special needs of two regions, Western Canada and the Atlantic provinces.

THE WESTERN DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Government of Canada will set aside from its new oil and gas revenues a special fund of \$4 billion to finance energy and economic development over the first part of the next decade in the four western provinces. Projects to be funded will be selected jointly by the federal government and the governments of the provinces. It is expected that most of the fund will be used for infrastructure improvements, especially transportation facilities, industrial development and diversification programs, and agricultural and water programs.

THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES PROGRAM

The Atlantic Canada Program provides new legislation, pricing policies, and special regional expenditures of \$440 million over the 1980-83 period, to launch a decisive shift from Atlantic region oil dependency, hold down rising energy costs, and assist the four provinces to benefit fully from the development of their energy options.