

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Ecopetrol and the operating companies have designed a plan for environmental control that will permit the realization of their technical operations without affecting the environment. This environmental protection program is currently supervised by the Ministry of Health and eventually by the Ministry of the Environment once its formation obtains congressional approval next year.

In the Casanare area 11 wells have been closed since April 15th, 1993 by the regional health authorities who said that the companies were causing severe ecological and environmental damage to the area, mostly contaminating area water supplies.

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Note the following:

The registration form should be thoroughly completed and the information requested must be furnished in Colombian Pesos.

The balance sheet must be signed by a certified public accountant and his signature attested by a public notary.

The legal documents requested for registration such as a Canadian Charter of Commerce Certificate must be accompanied by a Spanish translation and certified by a Colombian Consul in Canada, by the Colombian Ministry of External Affairs in Santafé de Bogotá, and by the Colombian agent or legal representative of the Canadian company.

Bonds for services from existing customers are required.