electronic links to SOE-related products on other federal, provincial/territorial, and international Web sites.

Oceans

Under the recently announced National Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (NPA), an Internet information clearing-house will be established to engage Canadians and raise awareness of NPA projects and events. The NPA is a strong domestic vehicle to protect habitat in the nearshore or coastal zone and to prevent land-based sources of marine pollution such as sewage, heavy metals, persistent organic pollutants, radioactive substances, oils and carbons, litter, nutrients, and sediment.

Geomatics

The Canadian Earth Observation Network (CEONet) provides geospatial information products and services and is the prime discovery and access component of the Canadian Geospatial Data Infrastructure, which will coordinate Canada's numerous databases of geographic information and make them accessible through a common window on the Internet.

Geoscience

The Canadian Geoscience Knowledge Network is currently being developed by the Government of Canada's national geoscience agency, along with its provincial/territorial counterparts. The resulting single-window Internet access will facilitate national and international access to Canadian geoscience knowledge, vital to the sustainable development of the mineral industry, and will incorporate such knowledge into the Canadian Geospatial Data Infrastructure.

Transportation

Industry associations, nongovernmental organizations, academics, and governments are working together in many different foras to address environmental issues such as climate change. This spirit of partnership is reflected in the transportation initiatives included in the Government of Canada's $500M Action Plan 2000. These initiatives will demonstrate innovative approaches to emission reduction in the areas of vehicle and fuel efficiency, urban transportation, and freight. Results of these projects, and any associated educational materials, will be disseminated to decision makers and other stakeholders through Web sites, conferences, and the strengthening of existing networks.