

ON THE ARCTIC...

The Arctic plays a vital role in regulating the global climate. Is the NAFTA likely to cause it to become more polluted than it is already?

-- Any increased production or use of pollutants in Canada as a result of the NAFTA are expected to be minimal, given Canada's existing legislative and regulatory requirements and the modest economic effect of the NAFTA.

-- Canada will continue its research and monitoring in this area. The increased bilateral and trilateral environmental co-operation being developed in conjunction with the NAFTA will complement ongoing international efforts to address these issues.