NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (NRC)

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The IRAP network supports the process of developing, accessing, acquiring, implanting and using technology throughout Canadian industry. IRAP has been in existence for 50 years and has acquired a reputation as one of the most flexible and effective federal programs. IRAP takes advantage of an extensive network of more than 190 different locations within approximately 90 communities across Canada, including numerous provincial technology centres, the NRC's own laboratories and research institutes, federal government departments, and technology transfer offices in Canadian universities. For further information, contact:

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- •Technology Transfer Office
- •Clean Technology Advancement Division
- •Environmental Industries Division
- •National Facilities Management
- •Burlington Environmental Technology Office
- •Wastewater Technology Centre, operated by Water Technology International Corporation
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