

# *Factoids, Captivating Canada*

*element: A clean, healthy environment that is carefully protected*

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## *message: World Leader in Abundant Natural Resources*

Canada has 9% of the world's renewable fresh water supply

Lakes are protected by legislation, International Boundary Waters Treaty Act, protecting the future of Canadian lakes

77% of Canada is forest land, 35% of Canadian forests are Boreal

James Bay Project in Quebec is the largest source of hydro-electrical power in Canada.

Agriculture is the 3rd largest employer in Canada, 280,000 farms employing 1.9 million Canadians

Canada is the 2nd largest producer of zinc, and nickel, and the 1st in the world for the production of potash, and uranium

Canadian mining is a world leader in environmentally safe and clean mining practises

## *message: Knowledgeable Approach to Environmental Regulations*

Canada's Environmental Air Protection Act (CEPA) 1999, aims to reduce pollution, regulate/eliminate emissions

\$1.2 million dollars added to air pollution monitoring in 2000

Smog forecasting projects are underway throughout Canada; in 1999 New Brunswick became the first province to initiate smog forecasting

\$8.7 million will be spent on acid rain monitoring over the next 5 years

Canada was the first industrialized country to ratify the UN "Convention on Biological Diversity"

The Oceans Act, Jan. 1997, protects marine environments, regulates scientific research, and controls offshore installations and structures