

- Representatives of the Institute for Soviet-American Relations (ISAR) in Washington, D.C., the U.S. Natural Resources Defence Council; the World Wildlife Fund, the Canada-Russia Business Council; and other Canadian and American organizations involved in environmental project work in Russia;
- The former Finnish Consul-General in Toronto;
- The Canadian Embassy in Moscow.

PHL also reviewed a variety of studies and documents, including federal government publications of ISTC, Investment Canada, and the Department of External Affairs, as well as documents from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and the Ontario Ministry of Industry, Trade and Technology, concerning the areas of expertise of the Canadian environmental technology and services sector.

Based on the above interviews and research, PHL concluded that projects in Russia which would both address Russian environmental priorities and permit involvement by internationally competitive Canadian environmental technology and service companies, should concentrate on:

1. Improvements in municipal drinking water treatment facilities;
2. Improvements in the treatment of wastewater discharges from Russian industrial enterprises;
3. Upgrading of Russian oil and gas pipeline facilities, and reductions in the environmental impact of oil exploration and drilling activities.