

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Final Report summarizes project activities completed to March 31, 1993, by Perley & Hurley Ltd. (PHL) under the Contribution Agreement signed between PHL and the Department of External Affairs (DEA) on July 21, 1992, including a trip to Finland and Russia by both PHL principals from September 29 to October 15, 1992, and a trip to Russia by one PHL principal from February 20 to March 5, 1993.
- The original project objectives (identification of priority environmental projects in Russia, of Canadian companies potentially interested in participating in such projects, and of sources of project funding), are described. The additional objective of providing information to the Canadian Embassy in Moscow concerning the Russian environmental approvals process, and concerning influential officials and NGOs within this process, is also described.
- The Russian environmental approvals process at the federal, state and municipal levels of government is discussed. The increase in the authority of municipal governments for project approvals, and the decline in similar authority at the federal level, is noted. The importance of carrying out environmental assessments to Western standards, and the emergence of liability for site contamination as an issue of concern to the Russian government, are noted.