

Mr. Voronin also identified several officials who are expected to play important roles in the Project, as follows:

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 Position: Minister, Fuel and Energy
 Remarks: One of the World Bank Project's components of most interest to the Canadian government is the proposed Environmental Management Petroleum Institute (EMPI). The EMPI is being designed to strengthen the Russian oil industry's capacity to deal with oil losses and their impact on eco-systems and local populations in Western Siberia, and to strengthen the Russian government's capacity to more effectively monitor and enforce environmental regulations across the petroleum sector. The EMPI is expected to be designed using a similar institute located in Alberta as a model.

Mr. Shafrannyk is originally from the Western Siberian oil-producing region of Tyumin and will play an important role in determining how the EMPI will be structured, and what its functions will be.
