

OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Canada is also contributing \$10 million for two important industrial infrastructure projects at the Shchuch'ye CWDF—construction of a local public address system to provide timely information to area residents in the event of problem at the Shchuch'ye facility, and construction of inter-site communications lines. Both projects are scheduled for completion by spring 2007.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AT SHCHUCH'YE

Canada, Russia, the U.K. and the U.S. are the primary partners in the Shchuch'ye CWDF project and work closely together through the Shchuch'ye Coordination Working Group. The Working Group was created in 2003 to facilitate information exchange and ensure maximum cooperation around construction activities. Other Global Partnership contributors to the Shchuch'ye facility include the Czech Republic, the EU, France, Italy, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Belgium.

The United States is contributing US\$1.039 billion for the construction of the Shchuch'ye facility, and is fully funding the design and construction of most elements within the perimeter of the CWDF.

Canada is the second-largest donor at Shchuch'ye, having committed more than \$103 million. Canada is implementing its projects at Shchuch'ye through the United Kingdom's bilateral Chemical Weapons Destruction Agreement with Russia. Canada and the

U.K. have signed two memorandums of understanding for the contributions, under which the U.K. is responsible for implementing the projects, in cooperation with Canada. This approach enables the maximum level of Canadian assistance to be delivered in a timely, coordinated and efficient manner.

CANADA'S PRIOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE SHCHUCH'YE FACILITY

In 2002, Canada contributed \$5 million directly to the Russian Munitions Agency to help fund the construction of a natural gas pipeline to provide energy for the facility. The pipeline project, which also included support from Italy, was successfully completed in September 2003. In 2000 and 2001, Canada had also contributed to the design of an access road to the site's industrial area, design and partial construction of power lines to supply electricity to the site, and reconstruction of a spillway structure on the Chumlyachka River.

Green Cross Public Outreach Office at Izhevsk

Canada is also supporting the efforts of Green Cross International to provide information about CW destruction and to facilitate dialogue among Russian citizens, particularly those people living and working in the vicinity of Russia's CW storage and destruction facilities. In November 2004, Canada committed US\$100,000 per year for four years to fund the establishment and operation of a Green Cross Public Outreach Office in Izhevsk (Udmurt Republic). The Izhevsk office opened officially on June 20, 2005.

GREEN CROSS INTERNATIONAL

Founded in 1994 by former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and other senior officials from Japan, the Netherlands, Russia and Switzerland, Green Cross International aims to foster a new sense of global interdependence and shared responsibility in humanity's relationship with nature. Green Cross International, which is headquartered in Geneva, has over two dozen national affiliates worldwide and manages several international environmental programs.



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Demilitarization process line for the second main destruction building at the Shchuch'ye CWDF